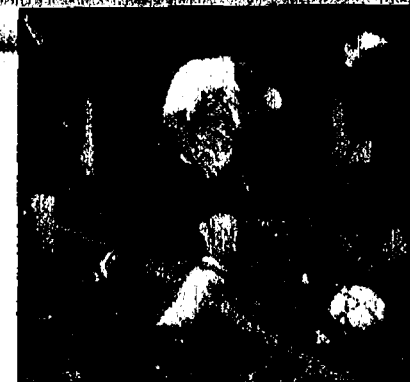




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County faces budget cuts, possible layoffs

► Voters will be asked to consider 2 millage proposals to increase revenue

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Budget woes have become common with many counties in northern Michigan, and Crawford County has not been immune to the financial misery.

The County Board of Commissioners has been battling with cutting \$1 million from the county proposed budget, but still needs to go deeper -- to the tune of about \$150,000 more.

The county Ways and Means Committee met last Wednesday with employees from every department of the county and presented a list of areas where the budget might be trimmed even more. As in the past, the biggest hit would be to the Sheriff Department where a layoff of one road patrol deputy would save over \$41,000 in pay and benefits.

Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said he is tired of seeing his department make the sacrifice of lost personnel. "If things keep going the way they are, in a couple of years, there will be just me and the undersheriff and I know the people don't want to see that."

Wakefield said his department is already walking a tightrope with five officers funded by grants.

"There is absolutely no guarantee this money will be available in the future, so those guys' jobs are really on the line and there is nothing we can do about it as things stand right now. There is just no extra revenue coming in the foreseeable future that makes me feel in the least bit optimistic."

Ways and Means Chair Beth Wieland said the budget cut suggestions are just that and hoped county and court employees would offer more suggestions as to how cuts could be made that would be fair to all.

Cuts suggested last week included layoff or making part time a secretarial position in the Prosecutor's office, a cut in office hours or going to a four-day work week, non-renewal of a computer maintenance contract, the elimination of the MSU Extension 4-H program, wage freezes for appointed and other non-union employees, and a change in the prescription co-pay policy.

The 46th Circuit Trial Court has requested more than \$1.1 million in funding for 2003. Wieland suggested the courts make some sacrifices such as layoffs. The County has budgeted over \$905,000 as its share of the unified court budget.

The Court has already threatened to sue Crawford County for monies they believe are owed, even though this would add more to the mounting legal costs incurred from a battle over a court-proposed retirement.

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AMERICAN FLAG DONATED TO THE SENIOR CENTER



Elouise Mize, Crawford County Commission on Aging (COA) Director Nova Anderson, Kathleen and Ralph Moore and Barbara and Dean McCray stand with the American flag donated to the Senior Center by the Moores and McCrays. The donation was in response to the observation at the last COA meeting that the Senior Center did not have an American flag.

What a Shock



Fisheries biologists checked out the health and growth of fish along the mainstream of the AuSable River last week. Every year part of the river is shocked so the fish can be measured and checked for any problems they might be having.

\$20,000 prize could be yours, Sept. 28

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

In years past, the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce created excitement when it held an annual \$10,000 Challenge Raffle. This year, the Chamber has joined forces with the Crawford County United Way to up the grand prize to \$20,000 and cut the ticket price to \$50.

In 2001, ticket buyers spent \$125 to enter the raffle. The ticket holder was also entitled to attend the raffle event and bring a guest. The price included hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks and coffee, with a cash bar.

In order to make the raffle more affordable to more people in the community, the Chamber decided to make the annual drawing separate from just taking a chance at the big money.

Only 2,000 Challenge Raffle tickets have been printed this year, which leaves the holder with a one in 40 chance of winning a prize -- from the \$20,000 grand prize to one of \$15,000 in other cash and merchandise prizes.

Cash prizes include one prize each of \$4,000, \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000, as well as 50 prizes of \$100 each.

Many families, groups of co-workers and friends join in the excitement by combining their funds to buy one or more tickets,

cutting the cost of their investment and sharing whatever is won.

As an incentive to purchase a raffle ticket this year, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Crawford County United Way -- thus helping the local organization fulfill the many needs in our community and jump starting the 2003 campaign. But, all the Raffle tickets must be sold to make the fund-raiser a complete success.

The raffle ticket does not entitle the bearer to attend the drawing as in years past. A separate ticket, at \$100 per couple, must be purchased to attend the September 28 drawing and Chamber Annual Dinner at the Grayling Holiday Inn, beginning at 6 p.m.

The Dinner ticket price covers live entertainment by the Teen Angels and a meal for two of stuffed lobster tail, stuffed chicken breast, whipped redskin potatoes, fresh broccoli and cauliflower in cheese sauce, tossed salad and strawberry cream cake for dessert, but does not enter the bearer into the \$20,000 Challenge Raffle. A bucket raffle will also be held to benefit the United Way.

To purchase a \$20,000 Challenge Raffle ticket and/or a Chamber Annual Dinner ticket, stop by the Chamber located near the Grayling City Park on James Street or call (989) 348-2921.

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County, sheriff officials cleared of negligence in suicide hanging

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

In a 27-page decision by U.S. District Court Judge David M. Lawson, the Court found no evidence to support ordinary or gross negligence on the part of Crawford County, the Crawford County Sheriff Department, former Sheriff David Lovely, and County Corrections officer Michael Kelly in the suicide more than two years ago of John Schreiber.

Judge Lawson ordered the dismissal of all claims against the defendants mentioned above on August 20, following a hearing on June 20 when both sides in the lawsuit presented arguments. Schreiber's estate was represented by his brother, David who brought the suit forward. Lawson's decision is based on testimony heard and evidence presented at that hearing.

In the suit, David Schreiber alleged the defendants violated his brother's rights under the Fourth, Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments and committed acts of gross negligence that resulted in his death. He also alleged a state law claim based on a building defect in the Crawford County Jail where John hung himself with his belt on March 8, 2000 while being retained for questioning by his Michigan Department of

Corrections Parole Officer Frank Foguth. The holding cell is not monitored by a camera and is out of the corrections officers' view.

According to testimony presented at the hearing, Foguth received information the morning of John's death that led him to believe the convicted felon was in violation of the terms of a Community Residential Placement Program. The program allowed him to go to and from work and home while wearing a monitoring tether. John was serving nine to 14 years for a conviction of uttering and publishing a forged instrument.

A Gaylord employer reported to Foguth that John allegedly made unauthorized charges on the company's business account, that John was fired two weeks earlier and had not returned the employer's calls. If this information was found to be true, John would have been in violation of the conditions of his community release by engaging in criminal activity and leaving his residence without employment, which is treated as escape.

Foguth testified John denied the charges and requested to be allowed to go home and retrieve a pay stub which would prove his whereabouts during the time in question. Foguth denied the request and advised John he would be released if an investiga-

tion proved the charges were unfounded.

Foguth said at no time did John suggest his detention would make him consider suicide. In late 1998, before being allowed to participate in the program, John underwent a required psychological screening which revealed no suicidal tendencies.

During court testimony, David said John told his family he would kill himself before he went back to prison, but no one from the family shared this information with Foguth or any of the other defendants in the case. In his decision, Judge Lawson states: "Furthermore, no one in Schreiber's family took him seriously or thought he would actually take his own life."

Crawford County Jail personnel had previous contacts with John in 1991, 1992, and 1993 where health intake reviews determined he was not suicidal. However, in a November 1994 intake following his transfer from a Florida prison, John answered "yes" to the question: had he ever contemplated suicide? When asked in a follow-up whether he was contemplating suicide, Schreiber stated he was not. In December 1994, while lodged in the Crawford County Jail, John asked to see a mental health counselor. A counselor arrived within 40 minutes of a call to the local community mental health agency. During a subsequent incarceration in April 1999, an interview by the booking officer revealed no suicidal behavior. "At that interview, Schreiber denied any recent psychiatric problems and denied ever having planned or attempted suicide," Judge Lawson found.

Reports of two examinations conducted by MDOC personnel, in September and October of 1992, psychologist David W. Halstead stated John scored low in his "ego strength tests" and his opinion was persons with such test scores "may have periods during which they become obsessed with suicide ideations." But a 1995 examination by a different psychologist utilized by the MDOC revealed no evidence of suicidal ideations or depression.

On Sunday, March 5, 2000 -- just three days prior to his suicide -- John contacted Foguth at his home, saying he wanted to talk to him. Foguth told him to come to his office on Monday. He did so around 4:30 p.m. John talked about work and going back to school. Foguth sensed from the conversation that John was somewhat depressed and called community mental health for him. John was given a hotline number and made a call to mental health while sitting in Foguth's office. A signed affidavit by the mental health intake worker states after gathering information during a 43-minute phone call with John using the agency's procedures, she determined he was not at risk of self-harm. John was set up with a March 20 intake appointment and at his request the intake worker called Foguth's office to inform him of the appointment, though she never got to talk with Foguth himself.

Foguth testified before placing John in the holding cell and going to lunch, he performed a cursory search for weapons, but did not remove John's belt or shoelaces. Corrections Sgt. James Golinick testified that proper procedure would have included removing the belt and shoelaces and could not recall any other instance where this procedure had not been followed before putting someone in the holding cell. He also stated that he told Foguth to bring John around to the front of the jail for customary check in. But, Foguth, believing John was a flight risk, did not want to take him outside through the parking lot and to the jail entrance. Instead, he placed John in the holding cell near the courtroom and informed Kelly of John's presence. Kelly said he did not witness Foguth's search for weapons. No one checked on John once he was placed in the cell. According to testimony, there was a telephone in the holding cell that "may have been working."

Testimony in the case revealed John was placed in the cell at about 12:25 p.m. and was found at about 1:07 p.m. by Lt. Scott Feldhauser as he was returning from court. Feldhauser found John hanging from the overhead bars of the inner cell door by his belt, and called for help when he was unable to lift the man and bring him down. Capt. Art Clough and Sgt. Golinick arrived shortly thereafter but were unable to revive him using CPR. Foguth also assisted. An ambulance arrived around 1:20 p.m., but the emergency medical workers were also unsuccessful. John was taken to Grayling Mercy Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The Court found no reason to believe any defendant knew John was suicidal when he was placed in the court holding cell to wait while Foguth went to lunch and granted an order of summary judgement on his and Kelly's behalf.

Schreiber's brother contended the jail was not properly equipped and failed to meet MDOC design guidelines, rendering it a "defective" public building. Judge Lawson found no defect and that a jail cell is not considered a public building, as a matter of law. The Judge also dismissed the claim that jail personnel were inadequately trained and that John's civil rights were violated in regard to the Fourth, Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments.

Judge Lawson granted Foguth's motion to dismiss the case against him in part, but also denied it in part. Lawson's decision states: "Foguth was aware that Schreiber was at least troubled and needed professional psychological care. If Foguth's duty was to take reasonable measures to prevent the very act that occurred, and the act of suicide was foreseeable under the circumstances, then a jury could conclude that Foguth's act of confining Schreiber in a private place, out of view of jail personnel, with the means to bring about the result which the unobserved security measures were intended to prevent, was 'the one most immediate, efficient and direct cause' of the suicide. Foguth, therefore, is not entitled to judgement in his favor on the common law gross negligence claim against him, as a matter of law."

This explanation means that the evidence presented by David Schreiber's legal counsel and testimony at the hearing supports a jury-submissible state claim for ordinary or gross negligence and Foguth may face trial in this civil matter.

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Legislature may combine school, general elections

by Breanna Shepherd
Capital News Service

LANSING — Legislators for Crawford County have won passage of bills that supporters say would increase voter turnout and lower the cost of school elections, but not everyone agrees combining elections is a good idea.

A multipackage of bills has passed the Senate and will be debated in the House this fall. Each bill is aimed at moving school elections to the fall, when general elections take place, said Gary Henderson, chief of staff for Senator George McManus (R-Traveler City).

Henderson said getting the bills passed would make people more involved in school elections. "We need to get more people to the polls, and having school elections in June or July just isn't doing that," Henderson said.

According to the Secretary of State, 58.2 percent of registered voters went to the polls in the 2000 presidential election. That compares with 7.75 percent voter turnout in the June election for the Crawford AuSable School District, reported Mike Dunckel, business manager for the district.

Dunckel said he thinks combining elections won't work. He explained that determining who would vote in which district would be difficult because there are currently seven commissioner districts in the county, but the Crawford AuSable School District is broken down into only

three.

Also, portions of Kalkaska County are served by the Crawford AuSable Schools, but those voters do not vote in Crawford County general elections.

"We already have trouble with figuring out who's qualified to vote where," he said.

If elections are combined, Dunckel explained, schools will have to be redistricted to fit neatly into counties, or each county will need to create more than one ballot for voters in the same county, but different school districts.

Henderson said he believes schools would save time and money if they had their elections in the fall because the townships would run them. He added he'd like to see schools be able to spend more of their money in the classroom.

Dunckel said he hasn't heard anything about the township or county absorbing the costs of a school election. He added, right now, the schools reimburse the county for any work they do on school elections.

Crawford County Clerk Sandra Moore, chief election official for her county, said she hasn't heard who would pay for the combined elections either, but said she would check into it.

The regular session of the Senate and House begins on September 17 and Henderson said supporters of the bill hope to have it passed before the legislature adjourns in December.

Robbery suspect arraigned

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss has charged a 35-year old Grayling man for the September 3 early morning armed robbery of a local gas station.

Michigan State Troopers out of Kalkaska arrested Roger Bruce Matt on a fleeing and eluding charge shortly after he allegedly held the Admiral gas station attendant at gunpoint, took an undetermined amount of cash, then fled on foot to an area near I-75 where he left his motorcycle.

Matt lost control of his motorcycle near Sharon and Fletcher Roads, crashed, then fled into the woods where he was apprehended by the troopers who were "on the look out" for the suspect after receiving infor-

mation from Grayling City Police and Crawford 911 Dispatch regarding the robbery. Matt matched the description given of the suspect and was also found to be carrying two guns and a large amount of cash.

Kalkaska County Prosecutor Brian Donnelly opted not to charge Matt on the fleeing and eluding charge and turned custody of the subject over to the Crawford County to face the more serious armed robbery charge.

Matt was arraigned last week on one charge each of armed robbery, firearm possession by a felon and felony firearm possession.

Bond was denied and the suspect remains lodged in the Crawford County Jail. If convicted of armed robbery, Matt could face life in prison.

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Bradstreet vows to keep working on veterans' cemetery

by Breanna Shepherd
Capital News Service

LANSING — Rep. Ken Bradstreet (R-Gaylord), won't represent Crawford County next year, but don't count him out just yet.

Bradstreet said he is busy campaigning for re-election in his new geographic district and is also dealing with issues that affect Crawford County, such as a proposed veterans' cemetery and two consumer protection bills.

The northern Michigan legislator said he will push for federal financing to develop a veterans' cemetery somewhere near Grayling.

He added getting funding might not be realistic because of current state and federal budget concerns. The bill now sits in the House and if it's not passed this session, will be re-introduced into the House in

January.

Bradstreet said the veterans' cemetery remains one of his top priorities.

Rep. Bradstreet will also chair a conference committee to create a "Do Not Call" list for telemarketers. The bill would allow people to sign a list preventing telemarketers' calls.

The committee hopes to create a version of the bill guaranteed to pass both houses of the legislature.

One other item on Bradstreet's fall agenda is the introduction of an Internet privacy bill to keep companies from sharing personal information about Web users.

Bradstreet said he would continue to address Crawford County voters' concerns and questions, and will refer any unresolved issues to his successor.

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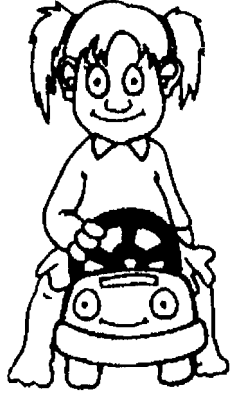
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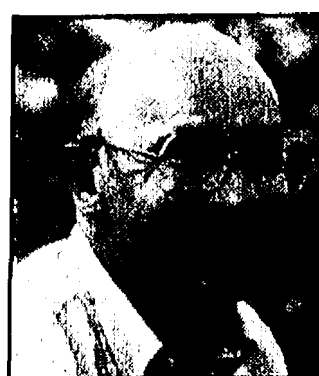
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ISSUES AND OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Both parties ignore Yoopers in building slates

WHO GIVES A darn about Michigan's Upper Peninsula any more?

Certainly not the political poobahs who made up this year's November election slates for both major political parties.

They don't take much account of the northern Lower Peninsula, either.

Just take a look at the home towns of statewide candidates.

Democrats managed to nominate 14 candidates for statewide office, with 10 of them living in Wayne, Oakland or Macomb Counties. Two are from Genesee, one from Washtenaw and one from Ingham.

The Democratic candidate living closest to Northern Michigan is Colleen McNamara from Okemos, an incumbent on the Michigan State University Board of Trustees.

Republicans also are geographically restrictive. The GOP candidates for governor and secretary of state are from Kent County, for attorney general and lieutenant governor from Wayne County.

The GOP ticket comes closer to the UP

with Supreme Court Justice Elizabeth Weaver from Glen Arbor, and education board candidates from Big Rapids, Evart and Frankfort. Otherwise it's a Detroit Metro area ticket, too.

Time was when the Upper Peninsula was politically significant in Michigan elections. Not any more, apparently.

How long has it been since a Yooper candidate ran for major state office? The last major UP candidates I can remember were Paul Adams of Sault Ste. Marie as attorney general in the 1950s, plus Mr. Adams and Michael O'Hara of Menominee on the supreme court in the 1960s.

Time marches on, and demographics change. Statewide candidates tend to come from where the votes are, and there are simply not enough votes north of the Mackinac Bridge.

It's enough to cause a concerned Yooper to rekindle the flame for secession and separate statehood. Break out those State of Superior pennants again, Yoopers!

Or as some UP diarchs have suggested in

the past why not form a separate nation, and apply to Washington for foreign aid?

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TERM LIMITS -- Maybe term limits should be called "term shifts" instead.

The November tickets of both major parties are peppered with candidates who must leave present state jobs because of term limits.

Both candidates for lieutenant governor -- Republican Loren Bennett and Democrat John Cherry -- are term limited state senators.

So is Gary Peters, Democratic candidate for attorney general.

Republicans named state Sen. Joanne Emmons of Big Rapids for the MSU board of trustees, and state Rep. Andrew Richner of Grosse Pointe Park for University of Michigan board of regents. Both are term limited this year.

Democrats picked state Rep. Nancy Quarles of Southfield for the state board of education. She's run out of house terms, too.

Term limited state Rep. Andrew Raczowski of Farmington Hills is the Republican candidate for U.S. senate.

Then, of course, dozens of house members are running for the senate, at least one senator is running for the house, and several other dislodged state legislators are seeking local political office.

Politics is infectious. Once the bug bites, politics is one of the most contagious diseases around.

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FAULTY MATH -- In a recent Almanack about Jennifer Granholm's primary victory, I made a mistake.

I pointed out Ms. Granholm raised almost \$6 million for the primary, and received 492,229 votes. I concluded that she spent about \$1,100 per vote. That's wrong. It should be \$11.17 per vote.

In a letter to the *Crawford County Avalanche*, one of the newspapers in which The Almanack appears, John M. Novak of Ypsilanti, pointed out my mistake -- which probably was noted by many other readers

who did not bother to write a Letter to the Editor. "Do the math," suggested Mr. Novak.

So thank you, Mr. Novak, for caring enough to set the record straight, and I apologize to Almanack readers for such a bone-head mistake. I have no explanation. Obviously I missed an arithmetic lesson somewhere in proper application of the decimal system.

Of course, \$6 million is still a lot of money to spend on a party primary.

Let's see now: If 50 percent of Michigan's 6.8 million registered voters go to the polls in November, how much money at \$11.17 per vote will it cost to become governor?

I've learned by lesson; I'll leave the math to our faithful readers.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

He's been there for you, be there for him

To the editor,

I can think of no one that has touched more lives or done more good in this community than Dr. Gosling. He is compassionate, kind, caring and a doctor 24 hours a day, a workaholic in his profession.

If he is guilty of anything it is his misplaced trust of others. Perhaps he was a bit naive in one area of medical practice -- the policing of pain-lessening drugs; but that is more the shame of our society today.

Unfortunately today, a doctor has to be constantly vigilant (suspicious of everyone) that says they are in pain. There are unscrupulous people about, lurking, looking for an easy way to make a buck. They don't care whose lives they destroy! Dr. Gosling's motive was not to profit. I believe his motive was simply to ease pain and suffering. This sort of abuse of kindness and caring did not exist 30 years ago.

I know this ordeal must be terribly frustrating and humiliating for Dr. Gosling, having suddenly to

defend his honor and go through a tabloid-like media experience. This man is not a threat to society!

He has certainly learned a terrible lesson and is not about to let this happen again. He without question is honorable and has much to be proud of. We all should be proud to have him here with us, working tirelessly, practicing medicine in our town. He is always there for the sick and injured no matter what time of day or night, compassionate, listening and truly caring.

I have seen him away from the office, interacting with people. He is respected by everyone, almost revered by some. I have seen their faces actually light up as they come by to say "Hi" or "Thank you" or to tell him how much better their child is doing, or "I've got this little something that's not quite right." Never have I seen this doctor, this man, be anything but gracious and attentive. He always has time for them.

Dr. Gosling is a gem in the medical profession, not because he is a

fantastic surgeon or his outstanding knowledge and expertise, but because he is a very good doctor, always there and always genuinely trying to do whatever he can to help you. What more could you ask of anyone? If you need him, he is there, period!

Unfortunately for all of us, Dr. Gosling seems to be the one in need now. Doctoring is his life and his passion. When I think of the problems in this world today, I find it ludicrous to be going after a fine citizen such as he is. If ever an overwhelming petition of support could be put together overnight, I am certain this community will rally to put a stop to this nonsense now.

He should not have to live one more day worrying or thinking his career could be in jeopardy. I hope a rallying petition isn't necessary but I know my family and I will do anything we can to support this good man.

Philip Faustman
Grayling

Nurse speaks out on doctor's behalf

To the editor,

The purpose of this letter is to add my professional testimony to the character of Dr. Gosling who has been the object of front page coverage by your newspaper.

I have had 20-plus years of experience, both personally and through supervision of countless others, of observing the professional conduct of Dr. Gosling at Mercy Hospital in Grayling. Never did I observe anything less than medical competence and respect for the dignity of his

patients in this doctor's manner and actions.

It has been my observation that Dr. Gosling cared equally for all patients, whether they were the town leaders or socially marginal. Some of these may even be those who now are giving damaging testimony.

There have been some individuals treated by him who were perhaps declined treatment by other physicians in the local area.

Dr. Gosling has the reputation of

believing what his patient tells him and, since pain is known by the medical profession to be an entirely subjective complaint, he treats accordingly. And, for this, he is now being crucified.

Marge Martella, RN
Grayling

Investigation a witch hunt? Patient says doctor cares

To the editor,

I am writing because of the witch hunt apparently being carried on against Dr. Charles Gosling.

My entire family has been in the care of Dr. Gosling at one time or another over the last 20+ years and in every instance we have found him to be not only caring, but knowledgeable and trustworthy.

He treated my 87-year old mother and delivered my son. We have always felt very assured that we were in excellent hands. It is obvi-

ous that Dr. Gosling loves what he is doing, works very long hours, and brings a personal atmosphere to his treatment.

I am sure that Dr. Gosling would have only prescribed any drug out of compassion for the patient and in his proper medical opinion for the purposes intended.

Regarding the criminal who was killed in a drug deal gone wrong, the felonious activity certainly was not solicited or caused by Dr. Gosling. The patient or criminal would have been legally and morally responsible for that situation.

If a doctor could be held accountable for his patient's abuse or misuse or illegal sale of drugs, what doctor is going to prescribe narcotic painkillers to anyone, ever? Think about this the next time you or your family have excruciating or chronic pain.

Denise N. Ballou
Roscommon

To the editor,

I feel compelled to write a note to say a good thing about my doctor and my friend, Dr. Gosling.

Three years ago, I was hospitalized with pneumonia and influenza at the same time and put into intensive care at Grayling Mercy Hospital.

Dr. Gosling put me on the medications he thought was best for my condition, which has given me a

better quality of life than I ever expected, with scarred lungs.

He is the most compassionate doctor I have ever been to and cares a great deal about his patients. If ever again have a problem, I would want Dr. Gosling to treat me. I wish Dr. Gosling all of the best and Grayling should get behind him and support him to the utmost.

David Burns
Grayling

Letters to the Editor

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Editor's note:
Due to the overwhelming amount of letters submitted regarding the Attorney General's complaint against Dr. Charles Gosling, we are no longer accepting letters on that subject. We have a backlog. Thank you all for taking the time to voice your opinion in the *Avalanche*.

BRIEFS

Free hunters safety training offered

The Grayling Sportsman's Club, on Old Lake Road in Grayling, will hold free Michigan Hunter Safety Training Class in the near future. Class size is limited to the first 40 people to register and those who will be at least 12 years old by the start of the 2002 deer hunting season. Sessions will be held on September 21, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and October 5, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students should bring a lunch on October 5. To register or for more information, call Jim Smith at (989) 348-1202 as soon as possible.

CRCD annual fall tree sale under way

The Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District will hold its annual fall tree sale October 4-5. Species available will be: northern white cedar, Douglas fir; Jack, red and white pine; blue, white and Norway spruce. Stock is limited, therefore pre-ordering is suggested. For more information and an order form, call the District office at (989) 275-5231 or stop at the CRAFT Center located at 606 Lake Street in Roscommon.

Eagles to host Fish Fry, Coney Dog Day

The Grayling Eagles will host a Coney Dog Day on Friday, September 13, from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. Coney Dogs will be \$1 each and fries will also be available for \$1. Also, the Eagles will host a buffet-style, all-you-can-eat Fish Fry on Wednesday, September 18, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$6 per person. Meal includes fried or baked fish, chicken wing dings, cole slaw, fries or potatoes, homemade bread and desserts. The public is welcome.

Party planned for retiring Deputy Coors

A retirement party is planned for Deputy Tom Coors at the Holiday Inn in Grayling on Friday, October 25 beginning at 6 p.m., with dinner served at 7 p.m. Cost is \$20 per adult and includes buffet dinner, dessert and a gift. To reserve a seat, send a check (by October 16) payable to Theresa Andrews, and mail to or drop off at the Crawford County Sheriff Department, 200 West Michigan Avenue in Grayling. For more information, call (989) 344-3213.

Scrapbooking club to meet at library

The Paper Dolls scrapbooking and rubber stamp club will meet in a new location. Beginning Wednesday, September 11, the group will meet each week in the community meeting room at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Because there is no charge to use the meeting room, there will now be no cost to those attending. Any adult interested should bring their own supplies and projects to complete. A limited amount of supplies will be available at each meeting for those who might forget something. For more information, call Connie at (989) 344-9077 or (989) 348-5718.

COA meeting scheduled next Monday

The Crawford County Commission on Aging will hold its regular meeting on Monday, September 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Center on Lawndale in Grayling. The Committee-of-the-Whole meeting will be held that morning at 10 a.m.

Ostomy support group to meet in U.P.

The Straits Area Ostomy Association will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, September 15 at 2 p.m. at Central Methodist Church in Sault Ste. Marie. All ostomates and interested persons are invited to attend. For more information, call (989) 821-5721.

All Services Women's Luncheon planned

The 16th Annual All Services Women's Luncheon will be held Saturday, October 5 at the Holiday Inn, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive in Livonia. This year's program runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call Lona King at (231) 587-9707 or Yelive J. Szkotnicki at (989) 348-9806.

Sign up this Saturday for kids' bowling

Boys and girls, ages 5 and up, are invited to register for Saturday bowling at the American Legion in Grayling this Saturday, September 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Some restrictions apply. For more information, call 348-8805 or 275-5759.

Learn about the dairy process

The SuperSaturday Program highlighting the dairy process at Wellington Farm Park has been scheduled for all day this Saturday, September 14.

This presentation will demonstrate the processing of raw milk into various dairy products such as butter, cheese and ice cream.

Costumed interpreters representing the early 1930s will show how the farmers processed their own dairy products right at home.

Many other features of the living history museum will also be available.

Wellington Farm Park is located on Military Road, just south of Four Mile Road in Beaver Creek Township. For more information, call 1-888-OLD-FARM or visit Wellington's web site at www.wellingtonfarmpark.org.

KCC offers handgun safety classes

ROSCOMMON - Kirtland Community College is currently accepting registrations for handgun safety classes that fulfill the training requirements of Michigan's concealed weapons (CCW) law.

Kirtland's Home Safety Firearms course has been certified by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards in compliance with Public Act 381 of 2000. The non-credit course is designed to accommodate a wide range of experience. In addition to classroom lecture and range practice, participants will receive training on a computerized firearms simulator.

While the law requires only eight hours of training, Kirtland's program offers additional material and hands-on practice for a total of 16 hours. Participants must attend the full program and pass written and

practical exams to earn a certificate.

The classroom segment must be completed first. Participants may attend this segment on Thursday and Friday, September 19-20, or Thursday and Friday, September 26-27, all from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Range dates are Saturday, September 28 or Saturday, October 12, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cost is \$175 per person and includes all training materials. A 15 percent discount is available to senior citizens. Participants should provide their own guns; however, college-owned weapons will be available if needed. Ammunition will be provided for 9mm, .38, .40 and .45-caliber weapons.

Pre-registration is required. To sign up, call the Criminal Justice Office at (989) 275-5000, ext. 283, or e-mail: gibbsc@kirtland.edu.

Local Girl Scouts plan open registration, information night

Crawford County area Girl Scouts will be holding an open registration/information night on Wednesday, September 18, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 West in Grayling.

Registration is open to all girls starting Kindergarten through 12th

grade and cost is \$7 per girl registering. Scholarships are also available.

Divisions in the Girl Scouts is as follows: Kindergarten - Daisy; 1st-3rd grade - Brownie, 4th-6th grade - Junior; 7th-9th grade Cadette, 10th-12th - Senior.

Discussed at the meeting will be the registration process as well as filling out forms and health cards, this year's plans and expectations from parents.

Many leaders/volunteers are needed for new and existing troops. Commitment includes two to three nights each week and just having fun with the girls.

For any information regarding being a local Girl Scout leader, call Denise Riehle, local Service Unit Manager, at 348-2177.

Live music series begins this Thursday

This fall, the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library plans a series of live music offerings

On Thursday, September 12 at 6 p.m. the "Maple Street Jazz Combo" from Mount Pleasant will perform at the Library in Grayling.

Free Jazz cassettes will be given away and a brief discussion of the history of jazz will take place. Suggestions for future live music or specific groups to perform in the series will also be taken.

For more information, call the Library at 348-9214. Programs are anticipated to be scheduled the second Thursday of each month.

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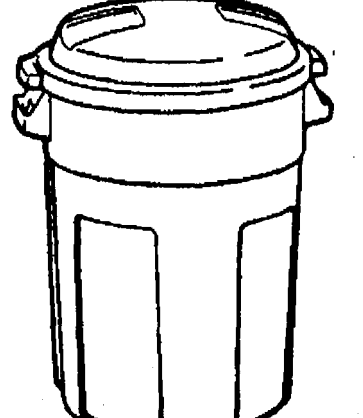
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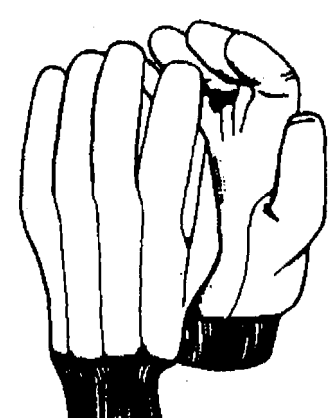
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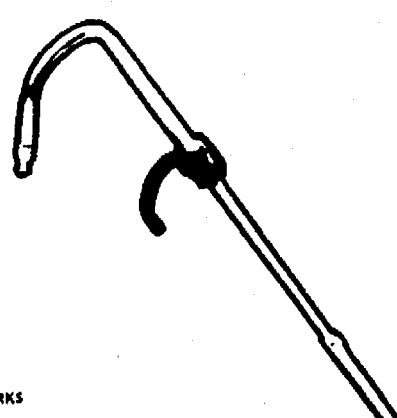
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September 11th Anniversary

The terrorists brought evil against us, but we know as Joseph knew in Genesis 50:20, "God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive." (Read Romans 8:28). The worst tragedy in our nation's history has not weakened or destroyed us, but has united and strengthened us. As President Bush faces our enemies he could say with King David in Psalm 56:5, "Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts are against me for evil." As a nation we can prayerfully say with King David in Psalm 76:10, "Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain."

Many of us have reaffirmed our love for God, home, and country. Family and friends share a new bond. Patriotism is renewed as the American flag flies afresh everywhere, school children began saying the Pledge of Allegiance, and all of us began singing "God Bless America." The terrorists meant it for evil, but God used their evil to motivate a new birth of faith, hope, and goodness across America. Many Americans have been going to church and reading their Bibles more. We can say with the Psalmist in Psa 119:71, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes." The terrorists planted thousands of innocent souls in the trade center rubble, but from that rubble God has renewed a nation.

But, before the rubble was even cleared, the symbol of our patriotism

was being challenged. Three days after the attack, Curt Kellinger, an officer with the New York Port Authority and heroic rescue worker had found a lone, tattered American flag still flying over the rubble of the trade center. Authorities wanted to burn it but it was saved because of the officer's pleas. Later American athletes ask to carry that same tattered flag during the Opening Ceremonies at the International Olympics, but the Olympic Committee at first said it was "too political." But Steven Push of Families of September 11 said, "This is not a political issue. It's a humanity issue." Officer Kellinger was even reprimanded by authorities for making the issue public. Because Sean Hannity, Matt Drudge and others created such a public outcry, the whole world was able to behold that tattered flag flying proudly as a testimony to America's God-given freedom.

Earlier this year the Florida Legislators tried to pass a bill instituting a "Celebrate Freedom" week the last week of every September. They wanted students to study the founding documents of our country and recite the Declaration of Independence. One legislator opposing it told a local newspaper that it might offend students since minorities and women were discriminated against at the time it was written. The ACLU warned that it would violate the separation of church and state. One liberal columnist even wrote against it under the headline:

"Religious rights acting like U.S. version of the Taliban."

Our God has blessed America. The Bible, the Declaration of Independence, and the U.S. Constitution are the bedrock upon which our nation was founded. "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (Psalm 11:3). Many of the so-called elite want to lead our nation away from these foundations, but for what? "They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course." (Psalm 82:5). Keep the Faith! God Bless America! Pastor B

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.izk.net/cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

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Travel series to open with 'Israel'

► Cultural Events Program's Travel & Adventure Series celebrates 30th year

The Crawford AuSable Community Cultural Events Program will present its first event of the Travel and Adventure Series - "Israel!" - on Thursday, September 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Rialto Theatre. The Travel and Adventure Series celebrates its 30th season this year.

Cultural Events will kick off the series' 30th year with a trip to a place holy to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam - Israel.

The travelogue will be narrated by Fran Reidelberger, a film producer and extensive traveller. Reidelberger, who makes his home in Grayling while not on the road, worked in journalism for many years before joining the travelogue profession in 1977 with his wife Brooke.

A few highlights of the Israel travelogue will include: the Islamic Dome of the Rock, the Yad Vashem Memorial (which is dedicated to the six million Jews killed in the Holocaust), the "Wailing Wall," the ruins of Caesarea, Bethlehem and the Church of the Nativity, the Hula Valley and Hula Nature Preserve,



Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem

and Golan Heights.

Ticket prices for "Israel!" are \$7/adult and \$6.50/student or senior. Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

Season tickets for the entire Travel and Adventure Series (six shows) can be purchased for \$35

(\$30 for students and seniors).

The Travel & Adventure Series is made possible by a partnership between the Crawford AuSable Community Education Program, area businesses and corporations, and lead sponsor Fick & Sons.

Pizza sale to benefit charities

The Grayling Eagles are selling Little Caesar's pizza packs to benefit the Heart Fund and ovarian cancer research, September 1-18, and are looking to the community for support. Available are uncooked pizzas, both full and personal sizes, and breadsticks; choice of pepperoni or cheese. Pizza can be frozen until time of preparation and are great for dinner, snacks or parties. To order or for more information, call the Grayling Eagles at 348-5287. Delivery will take place on Friday, September 27.

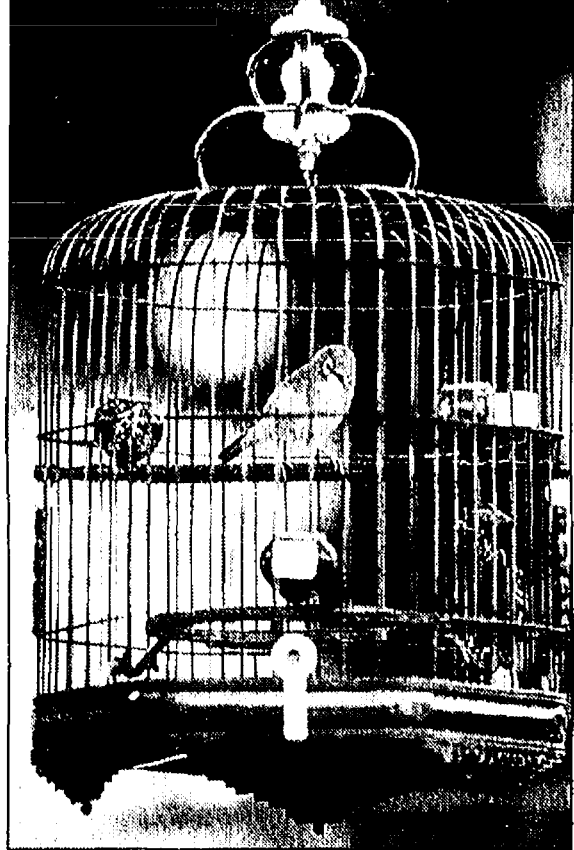
Limping with a Broken Wing

It was little more than a ball of fluff with a tiny wing hanging at an odd angle. There was no chirp as the little bird limped along... just a pitiful weak squawk every once in a while. "Mommy, please make it better," my son pleaded. "I know you can."

A month later, after much tender care and the benefit of a makeshift splint to heal it's fractured wing, the little bird had grown and chirped happily in its new home. My son said I did it. I told him God did it, for I had held out little hope for that tiny vulnerable creature.

Do you ever feel frightened and vulnerable with a fractured spirit and a broken heart? Your Heavenly Father can heal you with His loving care. All you have to do is ask Him. Isaiah 40:31 promises..."those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar on wings like eagles..."

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Matthew 5:1-20	Matthew 5:21-48	Matthew 6:1-34	Matthew 7:1-14	Matthew 7:15-29	Matthew 25:1-13	1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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Sunday Worship ...8:30 & 11 am
Sunday School-
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Adult Sunday School ...9:45 a.m.
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Bible Study (Wed)10:30am

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Church Service
Saturday9:30 am
Sabbath School
Saturday10:30 am
Prayer Meeting
Tuesday7 pm

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Sunday School10 am
Chapel Service11 am
Wednesday
Prayer Meeting7-8 pm

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Early Service8:30 am
Sunday School10 am
Morning Service11 am
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

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Sunday Worship11 am
Adult and Youth
Sunday School9:30 am

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Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
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Sunday School9:45 am
Morning Worship11 am
Evening Worship6 pm
Wednesday7 pm

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Evening Service6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children7 pm

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Sunday
Worship10 am & 7 pm
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Sacrament10 am
Sunday School11 am
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Sunday School10 am
Sunday Service &
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Sabbath Eucharist
Saturday Vigil Mass6 pm
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First Baptist Church of Frederic
Pastor Dale Hammond
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Morning Worship11 am
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Eucharist8:30 & 10:30 am

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Sunday School9:45 am
Morning Worship10:30 am
Evening Worship6 pm
Mid-Week Services
Wednesday7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.) 7 pm

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Scott Hoffer, Pastor
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275-8613

In Search of the Lord's Way
Sunday Mornings on
TV 29 & 89 am
Sunday Classes10 am
Sunday Worship11 am
Sunday Evening6 pm
Wednesday
Mid-Week Bible Study7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Lyle Studer
211 Shellenbarger St.
348-5325

Sunday School10 am
Sunday
Worship11 am & 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church
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Pastor Terry Colby
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348-2557

Sunday School9:45 am
Morning Worship11 am
Evening Service6 pm
Wednesday Service7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
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Sunday School9 am
Sunday Service10 am

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Pastor James Durfee
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Sunday School10 am
Sunday Morning Worship ...11 am
Sunday Evening Worship ...6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study ...7 pm

Harvest Time Church of God
Pastor Fred Coates
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Sunday School10 am
Worship Service ...11 am & 6 pm
Family Training Hour and Prayer
Wednesday7 pm

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Soil survey office opens in USDA building

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

The addition to the U.S. Department of Agriculture building on Norway Street, houses the increased staff of the Major Land Resource Area (MLRA) Soil Survey update offices.

As of October 1, the new office will become one of four regional offices in Michigan - the others are in Marquette, Flint and Grand Rapids. The Grayling office will be responsible for 27 counties in the upper part of the lower peninsula.

According to the Martin Kroell, Project Leader of the Grayling office, the MLRA Soil Survey is part of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NCRS) which used to be called the Soil Conservation Service. NCRS is part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The mission of the MLRA Soil

Survey is to identify and map all of the soils in Michigan.

One of the goals of this project is to have a common system throughout the state for mapping, and documentation so that soils which cross political boundaries will be described the same way regardless of location.

The updating is in response to a need for a digitized soil map on a proper base map for data sharing. Digitization allows for easier storage and retrieval of the soil information via computer.

Crawford and Alcona Counties were the first two counties in the state to be covered by the MLRA process.

Although the field work is nearly concluded in Michigan (only two counties have not been completed), it takes at least one year to get all of the maps completed and the text for the familiar books (Soil Survey of



The new regional Major Land Resource Area Soil Survey offices are located in this addition to the U.S. Department of Agriculture building on Norway Street in Grayling.

Crawford (or whichever) County no longer be published in written and published. Once the digitization process is complete the books will change because they will

Washington, D.C. Each MLRA office will be responsible for publishing books for their own area.

Book signing planned with children's writer

► Author's new book tells of life on the AuSable River back in 1878

Gloria Whelan, winner of the National Book Award for Young People's Literature for her 2000 book *Homeless Bird* will visit Saturn Booksellers in Gaylord on Thursday, September 12 at 12:30 p.m. Whelan will be signing copies of her latest book, *The Wanigan: Life on the River*.

The novel takes place in 1878 in northern Michigan and tells the story of Annabel Lee, who'd never even heard of a wanigan before she and her mother began living and working on the floating cookshack while her father and the other loggers moved their timber down the AuSable River.

Although the signing is open to the public and will run until approximately 2:30 p.m., several classes of area school children will visit the bookstore during school hours to meet Whelan and hear about her writings -- which began at a very early age.

"I began making up stories before I could write," Whelan said. "I would tell a story to my babysitter and she would type it out. When I got to elementary school, I began writing poetry. In high school, I edited the school paper. I never stopped writing. I think all the books I read when I was young had a lot to do with my writing."

Whelan lives full time in northern Michigan with her husband, Joe. Several of her books have been IRA Children's and Teacher's Choices and Notable Children's Trade Books in the Field of Social Studies.

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DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT #10

by Vicki Kuhns, Communications Specialist

Take precautions: rabies can be deadly

District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) Epidemiologist Amelia Afsari reports that already this year six bats collected from District Ten have tested positive for rabies. Two rabid bats each were collected from Mason, Missaukee and Mecosta Counties.

Rabies is a deadly virus that is quite commonly carried by wild animals, especially raccoons, skunks, bats and foxes. It is easily spread to humans and other animals through contact with a carrier animal. People should be aware of the human risks of getting rabies, and of the importance of keeping their pets up to date with rabies vaccinations.

Rabies virus causes acute encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) in all warm-blooded hosts, including both animals and humans. Once symptoms of rabies appear, the outcome is almost always death. Humans that have been exposed to rabies can be given a series of immunizations to prevent them from becoming sick. That is why it is so important to get medical attention immediately if you think you

might have been exposed to rabies. "Most people think that they are at risk for rabies only if they have been bitten by an infected animal," states Afsari. "Exposure to rabies sometimes occurs when the saliva of a rabid animal gets into a person's eyes, nose or mouth."

The only way to tell if an animal has rabies is to test it in a laboratory. For this reason, it is not a good idea to touch a wild animal, or even to get too close to one. People should avoid coming close to an animal that seems sick or injured. Animals that are infected with rabies act strangely, can be unpredictable, and are often easy to approach. For instance, people should stay away from any bat that is active by day, is found in a place where bats are not usually seen (like in a house or on a lawn), or is unable to fly.

Anyone who has been bitten by an animal should seek immediate medical care. If saliva from a bat or other animal gets into your eyes, nose, mouth or a wound, you should first wash the affected area thor-

oughly with soap, and then get medical care right away. Whenever possible, the bat or animal should be captured and sent to a laboratory for rabies testing. Call the health department if you have a bat that needs testing, but do not bring a live bat or animal to the health department.

People usually know when they have been bitten by a bat. However, because bats have small teeth which may leave marks that are not easily seen, there are situations in which you should seek medical advice even if you cannot see an obvious bite wound. For example, if you wake up and find a bat in your room, if you see a bat in a room with an unattended child, or if you see a bat near a mentally impaired or intoxicated person, seek medical advice right away.

If you see a bat in your home and you are sure no human or pet has been exposed to it, make it easy for the bat to escape to the outdoors. Close all the doors and windows leading out of the room except those

that open to the outdoors. The bat will probably leave soon through the open door or window. If not, it can be caught and released outdoors away from people and pets.

If you see a bat in your home and you think a person or pet has been exposed to it, use extreme care to capture the bat safely. To safely capture a bat you will need to wear protective eye gear and leather work gloves, and use a small box or coffee can, a piece of cardboard and some tape.

When the bat lands, approach it slowly (while wearing the gloves and eye protection) and place the box or coffee can over it. Slide the cardboard under the container to trap the bat inside. Tape the cardboard to the container. Contact your local health department to make arrangements for rabies testing. Again, do not bring live bats or animals to the health department.

For more information about rabies, call the Crawford County Health Department at (989) 348-7800.

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cessfully controlling PVD. People with PVD are at an increased risk for suffering a heart attack, stroke, or a life-threatening aneurysm.

To promote early detection and treatment of this disease, Northern Michigan Hospital, in Petoskey, will conduct a free screening, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., on Tuesday, September 24. A team of physicians, allied health professionals, and volunteers will implement the screening.

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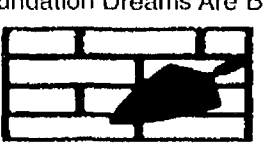
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State Police receive \$1.4 million for DNA processing

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Justice will award the Michigan State Police (MSP) a \$1,471,170 grant under the DNA Backlog Reduction Act, reported U.S. Rep. Bart Stupak (D-Menominee).

The MSP will use the funds to process DNA evidence from unsolved crime scenes and compare those samples to DNA samples collected from convicts, in the hopes of matching a suspect to the unsolved crime through these genetic markers.

"Right now, state and local police

departments cannot deal with the number of DNA samples from convicted offenders and unsolved crimes," said Stupak, who is the chairman of the House Law Enforcement Caucus and has led the effort to aid states and localities in clearing their DNA backlogs.

The passage of the DNA Backlog Reduction Act that authorized and appropriated this grant was a result of close collaboration by Stupak and several of his colleagues who introduced legislation to resolve DNA

processing backlogs across the country.

The processed DNA samples will be compared to samples contained in the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) that accesses DNA profiles from state and national DNA databases. This DNA testing allows law enforcement agencies to identify and convict unknown criminal suspects and to exonerate persons who are wrongly convicted.

According to U.S. Department of Justice officials, this grant will pay

for an examination of 1,359 DNA samples from no suspect cases in Michigan leading to the resolution of perhaps 10 percent or more of those unsolved crimes.

"This DNA may be sitting on a shelf, waiting to be tested, catalogued, and made available -- not only to the collecting law enforcement agency, but to other local, state and national law enforcement agencies. Unanalyzed and unrecorded DNA samples are useless for criminal investigations," Stupak said.

Public invited to annual Red Cross meetings

The Northern Lower Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross will hold a series of annual meetings in Otsego, Oscoda, Crawford and Rosecommon Counties the week of September 23.

The meetings will include volunteer recognition, a review of the past 12 months, and a preview of the next 12 months. Everyone, including current Red Cross volunteers and potential new volunteers, is welcome to attend.

"Red Cross programs are growing at the local level. These meetings will let local folks know what Red Cross is doing and how additional support is needed to deliver more

Red Cross services in our communities," explained Preston Long, Gaylord Service Center Manager.

"Awards will be presented, light refreshments will be served, volunteer opportunities will be explained, door prizes will be presented, and attendees will participate in 'Red Cross Jeopardy,'" concluded Long.

The meetings will be held as follows:

• Monday, September 23 - Rosecommon County, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mary and Robert Collison in Houghton Lake.

• Tuesday, September 24 - Otsego County, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church ELCA in

Gaylord.

• Wednesday, September 25 - Crawford County, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling.

• Thursday, September 26 - Oscoda County, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church in Mio.

Contact Preston Long at (989) 732-7161 or toll-free at 1-800-691-6059 for detailed directions or for more information on Red Cross volunteer opportunities.

MDOT installs new signal

Because many people in the Crawford County area travel regularly to Houghton Lake, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has issued a notification regarding the installation of a new traffic signal in that town.

Beginning September 10, traffic at the intersection of M-55 and Townline Road will be regulated by a new signal. Motorists are urged to watch for traffic control changes and proceed with caution through the intersection, particularly since it will take motorists some time to adjust to the new signal.

According to MDOT, the new signal will improve traffic flow at the intersection, but will require diligence from motorists to use it properly and safely. The \$30,000 project was made possible through the Build Michigan II and TEA-21 programs.



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SOURCES OF FOOT PAIN

Foot pain strikes in many ways. A long day of standing can cause swelling and discomfort while arthritis triggers stiff, sore joints. Injuries or accidents can cause painful cuts or bruises, and normal wear and tear often leads to aching feet by day's end. Medical conditions affecting the feet include arthritis, osteoporosis, diabetes, and Parkinson's disease. Pregnant women and those struggling with heart disease, kidney disease, or hypothyroidism may experience foot swelling. Toe pain results from corns, ingrown toenails, bunions, or hammertoes. Heel pain can be triggered by plantar fasciitis, bursitis, tarsal tunnel syndrome, Haglund's deformity (pump bump), Achilles tendinitis, heel spurs, or excessive pronation. Flat feet or abnormally high arches can trigger pain along the sole of the foot. When your feet hurt, it's important to

find out why. Following diagnosis, it's time to formulate a treatment plan that may consist of medication, orthotics, surgery, exercise, or even a change in footwear. Many foot problems evolve over time, from age, physical stress, muscular imbalance, slow-growing medical conditions, or improper shoes. If your feet hurt, it's smart to communicate with your doctor. Now is a good time to schedule family foot care at GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT & ANKLE CENTER, P.C., located at 1209 E. 8th Street, Traverse City. PH: 922-9100 & 800-968-7440. Offices in Traverse City, also Kalkaska Memorial Health Center Monday & Wednesday afternoons and evenings. PS. Heel pain is the most common foot ailment, striking two million Americans each year.

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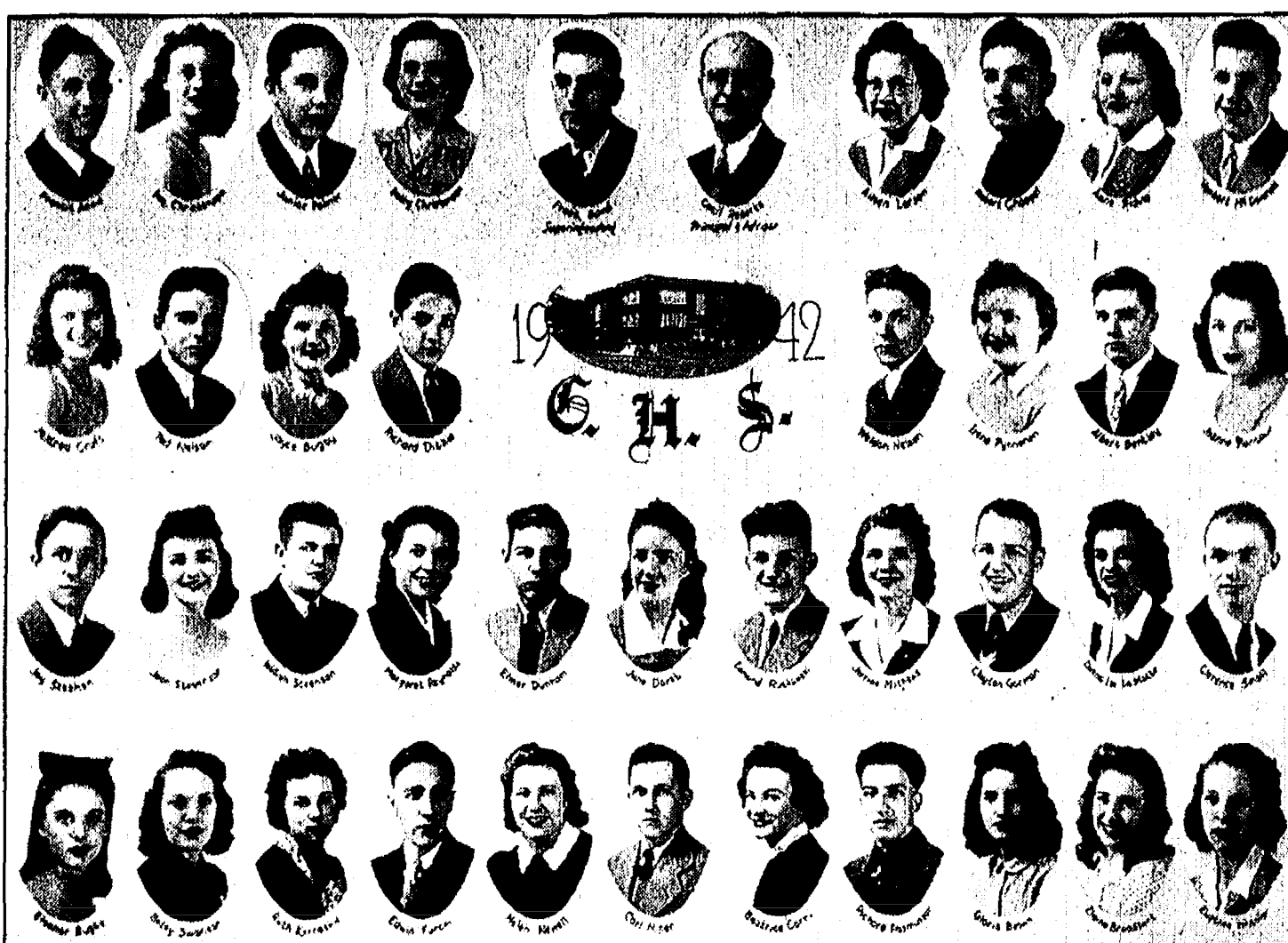
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GHS ALUMNI NEWS



Meet another Big "O" class that is planning to be with us at the annual Homecoming. Notice there are several who have stayed in Grayling. There will be another picture next week and our plans are just about complete for the GHS Alumni Association's Homecoming, September 21 at the Holiday Inn. If you have yet to make reservations for Homecoming, all me at 348-8260 anytime; use my answering machine if necessary. I will respond if you leave your name and number. -- Clara Sorenson, Membership Secretary. From the top, the Class of 1942: (Row 1) Francis Annis, Fay Christenson, Junior Palmer, Betty Christenson (D), Superintendent Frank Bond (D), Principal Cecil Roberts (D), Aileen Larson (D), Robert Chappel, Anne Bidvia (D) Herbert McDonnell; (Row 2) Mildred Craft, Ted Nelson (D), Joyce Bugby, Richard Dibble, Weldon Neilson, Irene Pynnonen, Albert Bentley (D), Joanne Montour; (Row 3) Jay Stephan, Jean Stevenson, William Sorenson (D), Margaret Reynolds (D), Elmer Dunham, June Doroh, Edmund Rutkowski (D), Jerrine Matthews, Clayton Gorman (D), Donna Lee LaMotte, Clarence Small; (Row 4) Eleanor Bugby (D), Betty Swanson, Ruth Kernosky, Edwin Funck, Helen Newell, Carl Miller (D), Beatrice Carr (D), Richard Rasmussen (D), Gloria Brown (D), Elaine Broadbent, Eugenia Wheeler; not pictured: Raymond Andrus (D), A.E. Dip. Johanna Jenson Gorman, School Nurse.

GHS alumnus accompanies CMU musical

Gwen Seifert, of Grayling, played in the orchestra during a recent Central Michigan University (CMU) student production of "The Sound of Music."

The classic story of the von Trapp family's dramatic escape from Nazi-occupied Austria in 1938 was the final collaboration between musical theater legends Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II.

CMU's production was similar in many ways to the classic 1965 movie, which starred Julie Andrews, but there were differences, said Mary Jo Lodge, a speech communication and dramatic arts faculty member and director of the play.

"The theater version is darker in tone in reference to the Nazis," she said. "That made it more appropriate in light of the September 11 terrorist attacks because it's about people escaping an oppressive regime in a war-time environment."

Seifert, who graduated from Grayling High School in 2001, played second clarinet. A CMU sophomore studying music performance, she is the daughter of Joseph and Susan Seifert of Grayling.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Republican Damon Thayer of Georgetown, Kentucky, formerly of Grayling, has filed as a future year candidate for Kentucky's State Senate District 17.

The new district which includes Scott, Grant, Owen and southern Kenton counties, will be on the ballot in 2004. However, because of the recent redistricting plan passed by the General Assembly, the seat could be vacated by incumbent Senator Daniel Mongiardo sometime after the 2002 election, prompting a special election to complete the rest of the term.

Damon, age 34, grew up in Grayling and is the son of Dan and Sue Thayer of Grayling. He now lives in Georgetown in Scott County with his wife, Carrie, son, Daniel (age five) and daughter, Katie (age one).

Damon is a Vice President of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association in Lexington, KY where he is in charge of Breeders' Cup and Event Marketing. He currently serves as Vice Chairman of the Republican Party of Kentucky, winning election to that post in 1999.

He was President George W. Bush's Scott County campaign chairman in 2000.

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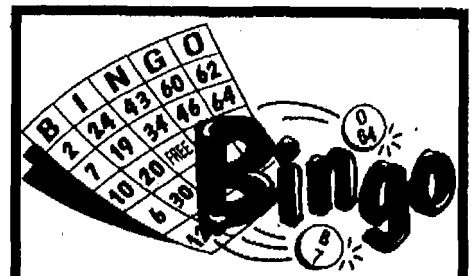
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Date: October 2, 2002
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Day: Wednesday - 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Fee: \$45.00 includes an instruction booklet (materials extra)

Description: This eight week course is for adults who are interested in the basics of cake decorating and for those individuals who have some experience, but would like to learn new techniques. The instructor has over 40 years in the business. She has taught cake decorating throughout the Midwest and has won numerous awards at national cake shows. Students are required to have their own equipment, most of which are common household items. This class is taught using a hands on approach. For a complete list of materials needed, contact the Community Education office at 344-3535 or 344-3534.

Hatha Yoga

Date: October 3, 2002
at AuSable Primary - Gross Motor Skills Room
Instructor: Priscilla Whiteford
Course: 8 Weeks
Day: Thursday - 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Fee: \$40.00

Description: Through the principles of breath awareness and deep muscle stretching, strengthening and relaxation, you'll discover tools for greater physical, mental and spiritual well-being. Bring a blanket and mat, and wear loose clothing. Priscilla Whiteford has taught yoga since 1974 at Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor and presently teaches at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City. Priscilla has trained with BKS Iyengar in India and the United States and is certified by him.



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Youth Sanchin-Ryu (saan-shin-roo)

Date: October 1, 2002
at AuSable Primary - Gross Motor Skill Room
Instructor: John Homrich
Course: 8 Weeks
Day: Tuesday - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Fee: \$25.00

For K-6th graders: Kids have a blast learning a wide range of self-defense ideas, with conflict resolution being the key element. Children are taught alternatives to fighting through the wonderful non-competitive "go at your own pace" philosophy of Sanchin-Ryu.

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Grace Under Pressure Self Defense for Women

Date: October 1, 2002
at AuSable Primary - Gross Motor Skill Room
Instructor: John Homrich
Course: 8 Weeks
Day: Tuesday - 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Fee: \$25.00

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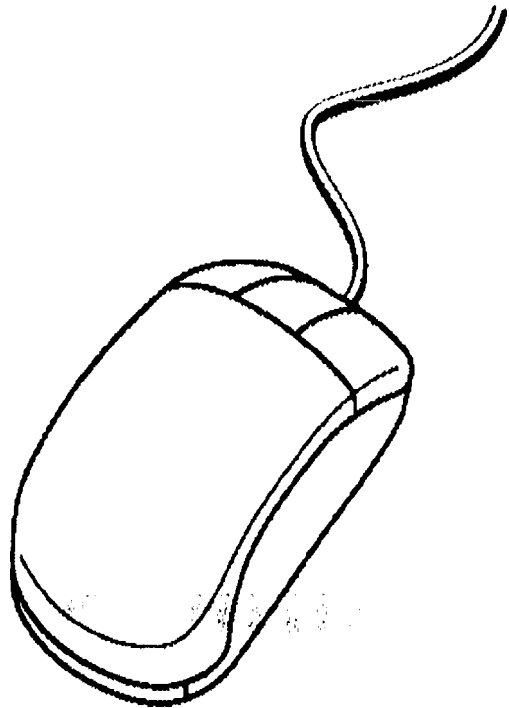
Date: October 1, 2002
at GMS, Lab
Instructor: Terri Snyder
Course: 8 Weeks
Day: Tuesday - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Fee: \$50.00 (includes book)

This is a flexible class that is designed to meet the individual needs of each student. It will take you from your current skill level and expand upon your existing computer knowledge. You may choose to learn any or all of the Microsoft Office Suite: word, Excel, Access or PowerPoint or simply refine your Internet search techniques and learn to navigate in a Windows environment.

Computers II

Date: October 3, 2002
at GMS, Lab
Instructor: Terri Snyder
Course: 8 Weeks
Day: Thursday - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Fee: \$50.00 (includes book)

This eight week course is for those individuals who want to explore and use Microsoft Office, Excel and/or Access. The instructor will tailor the class around the needs of the students.



True Colors

Date: September 30, 2002
at GMS, Media Center
Instructor: Tracy Wilson
Course: 8 Weeks
Day: Monday - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Fee: \$35.00 (includes book)

Intrinsic in human nature is the need for self-esteem and confidence, two characteristics widely recognized as the basis for successful behavior. Recognizing this need, Don Lowry has created True Colors as the vocabulary through which people can communicate the expression of their character.

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available if a replacement seat is needed.

There will be games and activities for the children.

This event was organized by the Crawford-Roscommon Child Protection Council and Early On®. Many local businesses, individuals and organizations are sponsoring the event.

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- Never place a rear-facing seat in the front seat of a vehicle that has a passenger air bag.
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- Replace any car seat that has been involved in a crash.
- All children up to age four must ride in a child car seat, and children ages four to eight should ride in a belt-positioning booster seat.

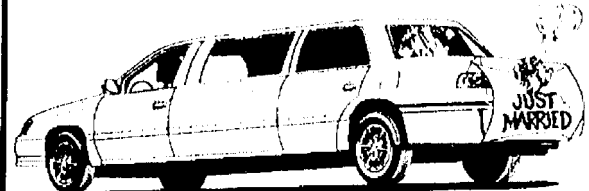
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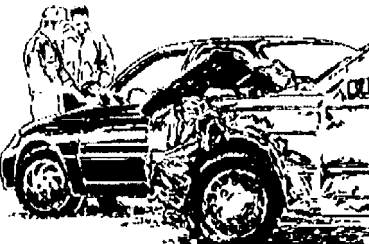
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For Judith A. Morey from Chemical Bank West Employees: *Pyramids; Little Rabbit's Fun to Learn; Green Eggs and Ham; Pooh's Wishing Star; Fossils and Evolution; Ancient Goddesses; Mammoth; Magic School Bus Explores the Senses; Honey Bear Stories; Walking With Prehistoric Beasts; Pinnocchio; Mythology; Bobby Bear Goes Camping; A History of Britain; Foot Book; Kid's Fun-Filled Question and Answer Book; Views From Sleeping Bear.*

For Mileta Taylor from Cornell Agency Inc., *Horton Hears a Who; From Fellowship Club Mery Hospital, Fish & Shellfish Grilled and Smoked;* from Dorothy Kaseman, *Alden Amos Big Book of Handspinning; Growing & Propagating Wild Flowers.*

Cornell Agency Inc., gave *Rustic Country* in memory of Bessie Kellogg; *Boomer Basics* for Grant Thompson; *The Jungle* for Ralph Kennedy; *Nature's Fury* for Lawrence Hunter; *Building & Outfitting An Office in Your Home* for Michael Brady; *Country Finishes and Effects* for Bernie Vanderlaan.

For Robert Elmers from Arthur and Merle Carlson, *Buffalo Bill Cody: The Man Behind the Legend.* For Dudley Foster from Howard and Darlene Jarvis, *Among the Bears; Native American Life.*

For Dudley Foster from Billie and Bob Squanda, *Paul Revere's Midnight Ride.*

For Ryan McDonald from Mr. and Mrs. K.A. McDonald, *Harold and the Purple Crayon; Abby Cadabra, Super Speller; Arthur's Back to School Days.*

HONORS

Lawrence Technological University

Matthew S. Cragg of Grayling has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the Spring semester at Lawrence Technological University. To be named to the honor roll a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average for the term.

Western Michigan University

Robert A. VanNuck of Frederic has been awarded the Western Michigan University's (WMU) Board of Trustees Academic Scholarship of \$4,800 to be paid out over four years. He was one of 823 high school seniors who competed last February for a share of \$2 million in WMU scholarships. To be invited to compete, students must meet the application deadline, carry a high school GPA of at least 3.8 and earn an ACT score of at least 25.

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Horse owners: take measures to prevent WNV

LANSING — Michigan horse owners need to be aware of West Nile virus (WNV) and the measures they can take to help protect their animals, said Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) veterinary officials.

"While the risk of horses contracting West Nile virus or developing severe disease is very low, it is critical that Michigan horse owners know about the disease and follow some basic but important steps to protect their horses," said Dr. Steve Halstead, MDA Equine Program Manager.

West Nile virus was first identified in crows in Michigan at the end of August 2001. So far in 2002, at least 51 Michigan counties have been identified with WNV positive birds. Health officials have also identified human cases of WNV in Bay, Cass, Eaton, Kent, Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties.

Additionally, three WNV horse cases have been confirmed in Emmet, Gratiot, and Washtenaw counties, with 13 other probable positive cases in Allegan, Barry, Calhoun, Ingham, Kent, Macomb, Oakland, Sanilac, St. Clair, and Tuscola counties. Information to date indicates that none of the horses had been vaccinated against the virus.

Mosquitoes become infected with the West Nile virus when they feed on infected birds that carry the virus in their blood. After 10 to 14 days, the mosquitoes' salivary glands become infected and those infected mosquitoes can then transmit the virus to humans, horses and other animals while biting them to take blood. The virus then multiplies in the mammal where it may cause illness.

Crows are very susceptible to infection with West Nile virus and will die within two to three weeks of infection. Because of this, dead crows are the most sensitive indicators for the presence of WNV in an area.

Most horses bitten by carrier mosquitoes do not develop disease. Of those that do, only about one-third develop severe disease and die, or are so affected that they require euthanasia.

Clinical signs of WNV vary in horses, though typical signs include ataxia (incoordination, stumbling, limb weakness) that either appears suddenly or appears gradually and worsens, somnolence (sleepiness), dullness, listlessness, facial paralysis

(droopy eyelids, lower lip, tongue), and the inability to rise. Some horses may also develop mild fevers, blindness, muscle and trembling and other signs.

Dr. Halstead said a vaccine became available last year as an aid to prevent West Nile virus in horses. The product has been shown safe for use and is expected to be proven effective. To help ensure maximum effectiveness, however, it is important that horses receive two doses, spaced three to six weeks apart, the first year they are vaccinated. Subsequent years require only a booster dose. Studies indicate that a horse cannot be considered protected until three weeks after the second dose. Horse owners should contact their private veterinarian to discuss vaccination and other preventive measures.

MDA also recommends the following measures to lower WNV risk for horses:

- Eliminating opportunities for mosquito breeding by draining wet areas of pasture, puddles, repairing eave troughs, gutters, and clearing any containers, tarps or rubbish that may hold even small pools of water.

- Draining water tanks, troughs, or buckets at least weekly or more often.

- Using approved insect repellents to protect horses.

- Placing horses in stables, stalls or barns under fans during the prime mosquito exposure hours of dawn and dusk, and other times when mosquitoes are present, if possible.

It has been demonstrated that other domestic animals and livestock, like cats and dogs and cattle, can also harbor the West Nile virus though it does not cause illness in these animals as it does in birds and horses, nor is the virus able to pass back to mosquitoes in the blood of these animals. In order for any animal or person to become infected with WNV, the virus must be transmitted by an infected mosquito.

The virus is not transmitted from person to person, horse to horse or horse to person. You cannot get the virus through contact with a person who has the disease, from a health care worker or veterinarian who has treated a patient with WNV, or from contact with an infected horse or bird. Dogs and cats cannot become infected with West Nile virus by eating an infected bird. Humans cannot get WNV by eating properly cooked meat from infected animals.

Similar to West Nile virus, Eastern

Equine Encephalitis (EEE) is another mosquito-borne virus that can cause similar illness in both horses and people. In contrast with WNV however, horses that become infected with EEE do not usually survive.

Horse owners should be aware that conditions favoring the spread of WNV (the presence of mosquitoes and reservoir birds) may also result in increased risk for EEE. Fortunately similar precautions and protective measures can be taken (vaccination, elimination of standing water, and use of mosquito repellents and control/mitigation techniques) to reduce exposure and risks.

For more information on West Nile virus or other arbovirus diseases, visit www.michigan.gov/mda or www.cdc.gov.

While the state stops testing birds for WNV after it has been detected in a county, Michigan residents are urged to report dead birds via the state's West Nile Virus toll-free hotline at 1-888-668-0869 or on-line at www.michigan.gov/mda; click on "West Nile Virus" in the "Quick Links" bar, then select "2002 Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions." Selected birds will be sent to Michigan State University's Animal Health Diagnosis Laboratory for testing.

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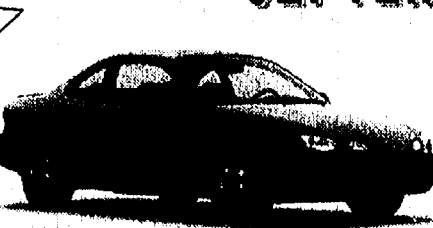
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Residents of Mercy Manor, the long-term care facility operated by Mercy Hospital Grayling, are enjoying a new garden swing, thanks to donations and grants from several individuals and organizations.

The new swing allows ambulatory and wheelchair bound residents to safely swing, while enjoying sociable time outdoors. The swing also helps to improve balance and coordination of the residents, helps maintain social connections between residents, family and staff members, and encourages observation of the world around them.

About half of the funding came from a grant from the Great Lakes

Energy People Fund. Other significant donations came from the Fraternal Order of Eagles # 3465 Ladies Auxiliary (Grayling), the Lutheran Brotherhood, the North Central Michigan Community Foundation, and the family and friends of Carl Malinowski, in his memory.

Mercy Manor is an Eden Alternative facility that offers a home-like atmosphere complete with dogs and other pets, gardening, food and activity clubs, and quality care. The new swing is one more tool to further enhance care, says Mercy Manor Director Glenda Jacobs.

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County faces budget cuts, layoffs

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plan Crawford Commissioners believe would create "millions in unfunded liability." The Court disagrees. The battle has accrued over \$100,000 in attorneys' fees. The three counties have agreed to split the costs.

There is currently only \$754 left in the Court's Crawford County allotment to pay its bills for September.

County Chair Scott Hanson said the court was made aware of the pending shortfall last October. Hanson said the court has to take cuts and make sacrifices just like everyone else.

Wieland said the last thing she wants to see is people being laid off in the court or the county, but pointed out the court has 60 employees - 15 in each county of the unified court and 15 serving in court administration. She asked why Otsego County can work with 15

employees handling 44% of the case load, when Crawford, with 27% of the caseload and Kalkaska, with 29% of the caseload works with the same number. Wieland proposed the lay off of nine court workers to help it meet its 2003 budget.

Although there is really no way to raise more money for the 2003 budget year, the County Board will now go to the voters to help finance 2004 and beyond. The Board will present two millage proposals on the November 5 general election ballot: the restoration of the county's operating millage and a two mil request for general government funding.

The first proposal is considered a new millage and would restore .2443 mills (.2443 per \$1,000 taxable value of real and tangible personal property) in revenue lost over the last 10 years due to the Headlee Amendment, returning the county

operating millage to 6.5 mills.

If approved by the voters, this millage would raise over \$100,000 in 2003.

The second proposal is a three-year additional millage that would raise \$868,553 for general government operations in the first year, at an annual cost of \$2 per \$1,000 of taxable property value.

"There is just no more money and no increase in revenue coming," said County Treasurer, Joe Wakeley. Even the \$500,000 windfall received in January from the landfill settlement has been used to pay for the cost of a murder trial and the settlement of the Deputies' three-year long contract dispute with the county.

"This is it folks... we have cut the budget 'til it hurts," Wakeley said. "If you want to keep the county services you have right now, something other than losing personnel has to be done... and soon."

Science and math MEAP scores released

**by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer**

The Michigan Department of Treasury released scores for the Winter 2002 Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) science and mathematics tests. Since the inception of the MEAP testing program about 14 years ago, the state has continued to change the tests so that comparisons can only be made for two to three years. Unsurprisingly, they changed the standards again for the science and mathematics tests so that no comparisons can be made with these results and those of previous years.

The new tests report student results across four levels of student performance. These levels, from highest to lowest, are: Level 1 - exceeded Michigan standards; Level 2 - met Michigan standards; Level 3 - at basic level; Level 4 - apprentice.

State Treasurer Douglas B. Roberts reported "more than 64 percent of Michigan fourth graders either met or exceeded Michigan standards for mathematics, while nearly 54 percent of eighth graders scored at those levels. And the new science scores are even more encouraging, with better than 73 percent of fifth grade students achieving level one or level two scores, and two of every three eighth graders either meeting or exceeding state standards."

Locally, Frederic Elementary (FE) fifth graders far outstripped the state average, with 89.4% of them achieving level one or two scores, and Grayling Elementary (GE) students matched the state average in science.

Both GE and FE were below the state average for fourth grade math. The eighth graders at Grayling Middle School did not meet the state average in either science or math.

Superintendent Milli Haug said she was very pleased with the science results at FE. She was also happy the GE science results matched the state average but said she wants teachers at FE and GE to work together so both schools will exceed the state average.

She said the other results were not where anyone wants them to be. The staff realizes there is a lot of work to do but they feel up to the challenge.

The most important goal of the new district-wide dynamic plan is to increase student achievement. When their achievement is measured by MEAP, the aim is to have scores at or above the state average in every area.

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Football cont'd 4B

Bobcats blank Vikes in week 2

► Houghton Lake rushes for 369 yards in non-conference win over Grayling

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Bobcats of Houghton Lake defeated Grayling High School 37-0 in week two of the varsity football season last Friday in Grayling.

The Bobcats got off to a quick start on defense and offense. The Vikings received the opening kick-off, but went three-and-out after Houghton Lake sacked the QB on 3rd and 4 for a big loss.

The Bobcats went from their own 42 to the endzone in just three plays after the Grayling punt, capping the drive with a 31-yard touchdown run. The extra point missed wide right, and the Bobcats led 6-0.

The Vikings started at their own 35 after the HL kick-off. Grayling picked up a first down with runs by halfback Brett Mead and fullback David Burton. A false start penalty against Grayling and another QB sack on third down stalled the drive, and GHS punted.

Houghton Lake again needed just three plays to find the endzone - a six-yard run, a 24-yard pass play, and a 25-yard pass for a touchdown. With the extra point kick, HL led 13-0.

Grayling picked up a first down with a run by Shawn Gabriel, a pass to Andy Strohpaul, and a run by Burton. The Houghton Lake defense held from there, forcing another Grayling punt.

HL picked up 12 yards on a rushing play. On 1st and 10, the Bobcats fumbled and linebacker Roy Czapek recovered the loose ball for

Grayling.

The Vikings were unable to do anything with it, and punted after three plays.

Houghton Lake drove 87 yards on three plays. The Bobcats finished the drive with a 41-yard touchdown run. With the extra point, HL led 20-0.

Grayling converted one first down with runs by Mead and Gabriel. The Bobcats posted a QB sack on the next play, then forced an incomplete pass with strong pressure on the quarterback. GHS punted on fourth down, and the Bobcats returned it to the Grayling 26.

The Vikings were able to hold HL to a field goal.

Grayling started the next possession at the GHS 29. Runs by Gabriel and Matt Strohpaul picked up a first down. Two runs by Gabriel brought up 3rd and 3. On third down, M. Strohpaul covered enough ground for a first, but the Vikings were called for an illegal block. On 3rd and 1, quarterback Chris Wakeley surged forward for the first down.

The Vikings lost five yards for a false start penalty, then HL stuffed a run play, bringing up 3rd and 11. Wakeley scrambled for a first down. On 1st and 10 from the Houghton Lake 17-yard line, Grayling fumbled and the Bobcats recovered.

A 20-yard run and a 26-yard run moved Houghton Lake into Grayling territory with about one minute left in the first half. GHS stopped the next three plays to bring up 4th and 10. Adam Kaiser intercepted a Houghton Lake pass on fourth down.

Grayling ran one play before half-time and went into the locker room down 23-0.

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See "BOBCATS BLANK..."

Defending champs win 3rd straight Triple Crown title

Competition ends with La Classique Labor Day weekend

► Kolka, Corbin finish 3rd at La Classique to win canoe Triple Crown

Since its inception in 1992, the Triple Crown of Canoe Racing has been dominated by Quebec's Serge Corbin. Corbin has won the Triple Crown championship every year either individually or together with his paddling partner.

Heading into the final leg of the 2002 Triple Crown, Corbin and his partner, Jeff Kolka of Grayling, had swept all three Triple Crown races in 2000 and 2001, and they had already won the first two legs of the 2002 Triple Crown.

The three canoe marathons that comprise the Triple Crown are:

- The General Clinton Canoe Regatta, staged Memorial Day on New York's Susquehanna River - a one-day, non-stop, 70-mile race from Cooperstown to Bainbridge, NY;

- The Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon, staged from Grayling to Oscoda on the AuSable River during the last weekend of July;

- La Classique de Canots de la Maurice, staged Labor Day weekend on central Quebec's St. Maurice River - a three-day, three-stage race from La Tuque to Trois Riviere, Quebec.

Perhaps more important to Corbin than winning the Triple Crown championship for the 11th straight year was achieving his 25th victory on his "home turf" at La Classique de Canots de la Maurice, a three-day, three-stage race on the St. Maurice river from the start in LaTuque to the finish on Ile St. Quentin in Trois Rivieres, on the St. Lawrence Seaway.

For Corbin, his 25th victory at La Classique will have to wait.

Two competitors from Quebec - Patrick Lynch and Denis Marcoullier - finally achieved their goal of winning one of North America's premier marathon canoe racing events after 20 years of competing in Corbin's shadow. Lynch and Marcoullier finished 2:50 (two minutes, 50 seconds) ahead of Kolka and Corbin. Lynch and Marcoullier finished 2:50 (two minutes, 50 seconds) ahead of Kolka and Corbin.

Kolka and Corbin finished third behind Lynch and Marcoullier and the second place team of Andrew Triebold and Lajoie trailed the leaders by one minute.

The winners at La Classique were able to take advantage of a rare opportunity for marathon canoe racers - misfortune, in the form of severe cramps - to overtake the reigning champions.

Following a short sprint on Friday and stage one of La Classique on Saturday, Kolka and



Jeff Kolka of Grayling (left) and Serge Corbin of Quebec (right) split the Triple Crown of Canoe Racing title this year. The duo placed first at the first two legs of the Triple Crown - the General Clinton Canoe Regatta and the AuSable River Canoe Marathon - and third at Quebec's La Classique de Canots de la St. Maurice. Kolka and Corbin have now won the Triple Crown competition three years in a row.

Corbin had a slim one-second lead over Lynch and Marcoullier. Triebold and Lajoie trailed the leaders by one minute.

On Sunday, during the second leg of the race, Kolka and Corbin pumped up their paddle pace to a "sprint" (approximately 80 strokes per minute) to steadily build a three-minute lead over Lynch and Marcoullier and Triebold and Lajoie.

At the second of three portages

during day two of the three-day race, the physical strain of maintaining such a fast pace caught up first with Corbin. He was doubled over with severe cramps. Kolka attempted to maintain the team's lead, but soon both paddlers were affected by cramps and they spent precious minutes drifting and not paddling while waiting for the effects of the cramping to pass.

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See "DEFENDING..."

Bucks win varsity soccer battle 6-2

► Roscommon pulls away in second half of rough boys soccer contest

The Grayling High School varsity boys soccer team lost a tough, physical game to the Bucks of Roscommon 6-2 last Thursday in Grayling.

Roscommon scored first with a header on a corner kick. Grayling answered about 12 minutes later with a goal by James Lawrence. James Haven started the play with a flick to James Kenney, who moved the ball up and passed to Lawrence. Lawrence finished, tying the game at 1-1.

About three minutes later, the Vikings took a 2-1 lead on a penalty kick by Eric Hunter.

Roscommon tied the game at 2-2 with a penalty kick with just over 1:30 remaining in the first half.

At halftime, the score was locked at 2-2.

Roscommon struck quickly to open the second half. The Bucks scored two goals within the first five minutes of the half to take a 4-2 lead.

With about 30 minutes left in the game, Grayling had a chance to pull within one. After a play near the front of the Roscommon goal, Tony Thomas came out with the ball and he moved past the Roscommon goalie towards the

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See "BUCKS WIN VARSITY..."



Photo by Caleb Casey

James Kenney moves the ball upfield in last week's game against Roscommon.

JV SOCCER



Photo by Caleb Casey

Kyle Alexander fights for the ball in last week's JV soccer match vs. Roscommon at GHS. Alexander had both Grayling goals in the 12-2 loss.

Grayling golf team wins one, loses one

► Vikings defeat Standish but fall to Bay City in league golf action

The Grayling High School boys golf team defeated Standish and lost to Bay City John Glenn in recent league meets.

Last Thursday, the Vikings fell to Bay City 181-164.

Josh Hinkle led Grayling with a 39. He placed 2nd overall in the meet. Ryan Davis placed third with a 41, and James Walker was 8th with a 49.

"Great individual performances from Josh and Ryan, but Bay City was just too deep to give up a home course loss. Their number five man was medalist with a 38," said Coach Herb Olson.

On August 29, the Vikings defeated Standish Sterling Central 170-186.

Hinkle placed 2nd overall with a 41. Davis, Walker, and Brady Ward all tied for third at 43. Jack Hagerman shot a 44 for Grayling.

"Great scores for a course none of our boys had ever played," Coach Olson said. "It's a tight, tricky little course. It was our first conference match and a great win."

The team plays West Branch Ogemaw Heights on Monday, September 16.

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Triple Crown of Canoe Racing – '02 Final Standings

2002 Triple Crown Competitor	City/State/Province	General Clinton Regatta Place	General Clinton Regatta Time	AuSable Canoe Marathon Place	AuSable Canoe Marathon Time	La Classique de Canots Place	La Classique de Canots Time	Triple Crown Points Ranking	Triple Crown Cumulative Time	Triple Crown Final Ranking
Jeff Kolka	Grayling, MI	1	7:19:13	1	15:04:56	3	13:33:03	5	35:57:12	1
Serge Corbin	Quebec	1	7:19:13	1	15:04:56	3	13:33:03	5	35:57:12	1
Matt Rimer	Horton, MI	5	7:23:59	2	15:10:22	6	13:51:13	13	36:25:34	2
Bill Torongo	Roscommon, MI	3	7:23:04	3	15:16:47	7	13:51:30	13	36:31:21	3
John Sullivan	Grayling, MI	3	7:23:04	3	15:16:47	7	13:51:30	13	36:31:21	3
Bruce Barton	Homer, MI	5	7:23:59	4	15:17:05	6	13:51:13	15	36:32:17	4
Serge Rouleau	Quebec	24	7:40:38	11	15:40:54	9	13:55:15	44	37:16:47	5
Doug Howard	Townsend, VT	20	7:35:49	15	16:04:17	24	14:27:34	59	38:07:40	6
Lori Roseboom	Mt. Vision, NY	17	7:32:25	19	16:14:55	32	14:40:21	68	38:27:41	7
Sylvain Greffard	Quebec	28	7:44:16	20	16:18:23	22	14:17:59	70	38:20:38	8
Yves Greffard	Quebec	28	7:44:16	20	16:18:23	22	14:17:59	70	38:20:38	8
Dragan Olajdzija	Ontario	26	7:41:39	27	16:41:30	38	14:51:12	91	39:14:21	9
Al Widing Sr.	Mio, MI	29	7:44:58	29	16:49:18	41	15:01:01	99	39:35:17	10
Bernie Tuszyński	Gaylord, MI	29	7:44:58	29	16:49:18	41	15:01:01	99	39:35:17	10
Blaise St Pierre	Quebec	44	7:58:01	21	16:21:45	36	14:49:56	101	39:09:42	11
Amy Solak	Traverse City, MI	38	7:48:06	26	16:39:58	42	15:05:06	106	39:33:10	12
Dwayne Barnes	Copemish, MI	38	7:48:06	26	16:39:58	42	15:05:06	106	39:33:10	12
Dwight Walker	Richland, MI	58	8:17:04	27	16:41:30	38	14:51:12	123	39:49:46	13
Al Widing, Jr.	Fenton, MI	19	7:33:30	N/A	DNF	28	14:31:45	***	***	***
Pete Mead	Grayling, MI	19	7:33:30	N/A	DNF	28	14:31:45	***	***	***

*** Each of these contestants entered & started all three Triple Crown events, but had a DNF in at least one race

Note – Triple Crown Races:
1st Leg - New York - General Clinton Canoe Regatta; 2nd Leg - Michigan - Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon; 3rd Leg - Quebec - La Classique de Canots

Defending champs win 3rd straight Triple Crown title

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The top two pursuing teams – Lynch-Marcoullier and Lajoie-Triebold – passed Kolka and Corbin and eventually built a lead of nearly three minutes as the second stage came to an end following a thrilling portage through thousands of fans lining the boulevard in Shawinigan, Quebec.

The challengers were able to maintain their lead during the final stage of La Classique on Monday. Lynch and Marcoullier finished first with a final time of 13:30:13 (13 hours, 30 minutes, and 13 seconds). Triebold and Lajoie placed second with a time of 13:31:30. Kolka and Corbin took third at 13:33:03.

A pair of Quebec paddlers, Steve Carpentier and Louis Berthiaume, finished fourth (13:36:45). Rounding out the top five finishers was a pair of Michigan competitors – Bruce Barton of Homer and Matt Rimer of Horton. They finished with a time of 13:50:36.

A pair of northern Michigan paddlers, John Sullivan of Grayling, and Bill Torongo of Roscommon, finished sixth, completing the three-stage race in 13:51:13, just 37 seconds behind the fifth place team and 17 seconds ahead of the seventh place finishers. Pete Mead and Al Widing, Jr. finished 28th (14:31:45) and Al Widing, Sr. and partner Bernie Tuszyński finished 41st (15:01:01).

Kolka and Corbin's third place finish at La Classique was good enough to seal the duo's third consecutive Triple Crown of Canoe Racing victory. As a team, Kolka and Corbin placed first in the first two races of the Triple Crown earlier this year.

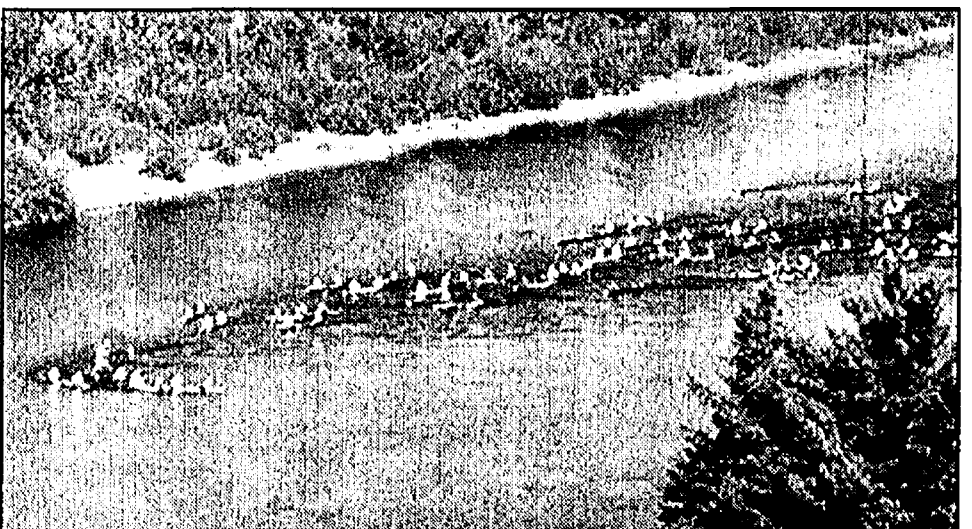
Rimer placed second in the Triple Crown competition. He finished fifth at General Clinton, second at the AuSable Marathon, and sixth at La Classique.

Paddling partners Torongo and Sullivan tied for third place in the Triple Crown rankings. They took third at General Clinton, third at the AuSable Marathon, and seventh at La Classique.

Complete 2002 Triple Crown of Canoe Racing final standings are listed on this page (above).

La Classique is the centerpiece of a full week of festival events that take place throughout the week along the St. Maurice River valley, from La Tuque to Grand Mere and Shawinigan and on to Trois Riviere throughout the last week of August and through Labor Day weekend.

More information about the Triple Crown of Canoe Racing, links to the web sites of each of the Triple Crown races, and more information about marathon canoe racing is available on the web at: www.ausablecanoe-marathon.org



Over 50 paddling teams make a buoy turn at La Classique.

La Classique de Canots de la Maurice

AUG. 31-SEPT. 2, 2002 – RACE RESULTS

(Place, Paddler, Paddler, Finish Time)

1	Patrick Lynch & Denis Marcoullier	13:30:13
2	Andrew Triebold & Steve Lajoie	13:31:30
3	Jeff Kolka & Serge Corbin	13:33:03
4	Tim Triebold & Al Rudquist	13:36:45
5	Steve Carpentier & Louis Berthiaume	13:50:36
6	Bruce Barton & Matt Rimer	13:51:13
7	John Sullivan & Bill Torongo	13:51:30
8	Yan Côté & Yves Bissonnette	13:52:09
9	Serge Rouleau & François Dagenais	13:55:15
10	Jean Rousseau & Guy Rousseau	13:56:25
11	Clark Kent & Tim Valko	13:58:05
12	Sean Jennings & Joe Shaw	13:59:08
13	Allen Limberg & John Hugus	14:00:25
14	Trevor Robinson & Blaine Toni	14:00:26
15	Daniel Boissonneault & Louis Deschamps	14:02:30
16	Kjell Peterson & Steve Peterson	14:03:59
17	Denis Guillemette & Jean Thellend	14:05:10
18	Stephen McAleer & Daniel Gélinas	14:05:29
19	Peter Heed & John Edwards	14:09:59
20	Yves Ménard & Pascal Turgeon	14:10:24
21	Devin Arenz & Brett Arenz	14:16:33
22	Sylvain Greffard & Yves Greffard	14:17:59
23	Luc Pruneau & Serge Pagé	14:19:27
24	Doug Howard & Nick Lyesluk	14:27:34
25	Randy Martin & Neil Leblanc	14:29:27
26	Daniel Légaré & Marco St-Arnaud	14:29:48
27	Sophie Moisan & Stéphanie Aubry	14:31:36
28	Pete Mead & Al Widing Jr.	14:31:45
29	Stéphane Thibeault & Pierre Lapointe	14:31:50
30	Éric Adams & Patrice Savard	14:37:41
31	Patrice Poirier & Rodrig Forand	14:39:39
32	Andrew Melnychenko & Lori Roseboom	14:40:21
33	Alain Poirier & Julie Drolet	14:43:46
34	Michel Casabon & Michel Matteau	14:44:22
35	Yves Dénommé & Steve Bordeleau	14:44:22
36	Blaise St-Pierre & René Gros Louis	14:49:56
37	Roger Desaulnier & Michel Jacques	14:50:37
38	Dwight Walker & Dragan Olajdzija	14:51:12
39	Éric Gagnon & Karine Pellerin	14:54:18
40	Gareth Stevens & Kevin Leroy	15:00:21
41	Al Widing Sr. & Bernie Tuszyński	15:01:01
42	Amy Solak & Dwayne Barnes	15:05:06
43	Steve Yurista & Stanley Anusiewicz	15:08:14
44	Chuck Ryan & Deighen Blakely	15:13:30
45	Mario Gélinas & Louis Gélinas	15:21:56
46	Sébastien Bergeron & Mathieu Bergeron	15:23:35
47	Yvon Ranger & Fred Rayman	15:29:52
48	Benoît Labrosse & Laurent Richard	15:31:32
49	Jean-François Vincent & Pierre Thibodeau	15:33:22
50	Benoît Parke & Jean Lapointe	15:41:50
51	André Parenteau & Luc Parenteau	15:42:16
52	Allan D. Dubois & Peter E. Colas	15:44:06
53	René Marineau & Yves Proulx	15:44:33
54	Priscilla Reinertsen & Neal Sand	15:55:02

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Roy, a linebacker, led Grayling with 13 solo tackles (plus 3 assists) in the Houghton Lake game last Friday. He also had a fumble recovery.

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Vikings of the Week

James Walker

Joshua Hinkle

Boys Golf
Coach: Herb Olson
JAMES WALKER & JOSHUA HINKLE

James had the 3rd best ever GHS freshman score at the Boyne City Invitational and followed it up with a great round at Fox Run. Josh led the Vikings in their two most recent matches. He finished 2nd overall at Fox Run, missing medalist honors by one stroke both times. "Josh is playing some great golf," his coach said.

JV Redskins improve to 2-0

The Grayling Redskins JV team won a close game on the road at Alpena on Saturday, August 31, to improve the squad's 2002 season record to 2-0. (The team had a "bye" this past weekend.)

Alpena won the coin toss and chose to kick off. Grayling drove into Jets territory with an effective running game fueled by good blocking up front. A couple of penalties stalled the drive, and the Redskins surrendered the ball on downs at the Alpena 20-yard line.

Alpena picked up two first downs before being forced to punt on 4th and long. A good punt left the Redskins at their own 30 to start the possession.

Grayling moved to midfield with an effective running game. Ryan Cooper busted loose around the end on the next play for a 53-yard touch-

down run. The extra point try failed and Grayling led 6-0.

The Alpena squad bounced right back by returning the ensuing kick-off for a touchdown. Grayling stopped the extra point attempt, leaving the score tied at 6-6.

The Redskins moved the ball well on their next possession, driving into scoring position. Alpena recovered a Grayling fumble near the goal line to end the drive.

Grayling's defense held, and the half ended with the score tied at 6-6.

The Redskins shut down Alpena on the first possession of the second half. Grayling took over on its 42-yard line. With good blocking up front and some hard running by the backs, the Redskins got back into scoring position. Tim VanNuck capped the drive with a 1-yard plunge into the endzone. The extra

point attempt failed and Grayling led 12-6.

For the rest of the third quarter and some of the fourth, neither team was able reach paydirt. With the clock nearing the two-minute mark, Alpena broke loose for a 45-yard touchdown run.

The Jets converted the extra point to take a 13-12 lead.

The Redskins started with good field position and 1:57 left on the game clock. After a couple short runs, QB Rocky McNamara threw to Reid Holzbauer for a gain of 16. McNamara soon went to the air again, connecting with Adam Gabriel for a 45-yard scoring pass. The Redskins converted the extra point to take a six-point lead (19-13) with only 36 seconds left in the game.

The Jets started at their own 43

after the Grayling kick-off. Alpena connected on a pass play for a first down at the Grayling 45. The Jets had time for one last play. VanNuck came up with a QB sack for Grayling to end the game. The Redskins won 19-13.

"It was a big win for our team," said Coach Dave Burr. "Alpena was a big team and our kids didn't give up and came back to win it. Coach Jensen had our linemen ready to play on both sides of the ball. They gave us room to run (on offense) and sacks by Matt Letts and Matt McDonald (on defense). Cooper, VanNuck, and Tony Lashley all produced well running the ball. The whole defense played well, allowing only one big play."

The Redskins will face Alpena 1 at Cheboygan on Saturday, September 14, at 2 p.m.

F1 Redskins defeat Alpena 25-12

After a close loss to Cheboygan (6-0) in which Grayling had two touchdowns called back on penalties and a 37-7 loss to a tough Standish team, the Redskins "Freshman 1" team defeated Alpena this past weekend 25-12 in Grayling.

Quarterback Trent Larm ran for three touchdowns and Jordan Helsel had a 50-yard interception return for a touchdown. Helsel also converted an extra point on a run to the outside.

"The offense played outstanding," said offensive coach Dee Mead. "The kids did a great job at running the offense the way it is designed. They played hard, they hit hard, and they fought for extra yardage when we needed it. Trent Larm and Eric Ferrigan both did a nice job of running the offense at the quarterback

position. Cody Collen, Tyler Hanson, Mykel Revord, and Josh Moggo led a solid running attack."

"The offensive and defensive lines did a great job," said line coach Todd Willoughby. "They pushed and fought their way into Alpena's backfield and kept the pressure on Alpena's quarterback and running backs. On offense, the kids stood their ground against a big Alpena line and allowed our offense time to execute the plays properly. Jacob Myers, Matt Haight, Jeff Woolsey, Matt Townsend, Weston Willoughby, Casey Krajenka, Wesley Willoughby, Matt Barkway, and Jeff Valek did a very good job on the offensive and defensive lines."

"The defensive line completely shut down the Alpena running attack," Coach Ken Helsel said.

"The defensive line was firing across the line and putting pressure on the QB and running backs. The linebackers were cleaning up any runner that tried hitting the holes and the defensive ends and corners pounded anyone trying to run outside."

"The kids showed a lot of heart today. They played very aggressive defense and hit hard. Cody Collen, Zach Hart, Chris Thompson, Mykel Revord, Matt Haight, Jacob Armstrong, Trent Larm, Josh Moggo, Tyler Hanson, Matt Hellebuyck, Matt Harland, Eric Ferrigan, Matt Barkway, Shane Grove, and Jordan Helsel all played very well at safety, linebacker,

defensive end, and corner," he said. "We need to keep the intensity that we showed today for the rest of the season. If we do that, we will win ball games."

At halftime, the "Freshman 1" cheerleaders performed a pom pom routine. The cheer team includes: Gracie Calkins, Kelly Cousineau, Taylor Doremire, Kayla Harris, Abbey Helsel, Alyssa Lewis, Lahken Maher, Arica Rockhold, and Samantha Schmidt.

"I am extremely proud of all the girls and their hard work," their coach said.

The Freshman 1 Redskins will host Gaylord 1 on Saturday, September 14, at 12 noon.

'Freshman 2' Redskins team moves to 3-0

The "Freshman 2" Grayling Redskins improved their season record to 3-0 with recent wins over Houghton Lake and Cheboygan.

In a 32-0 win over Houghton Lake, Grayling's defense held the Jaguars to only one first down throughout the entire game. The defensive unit was led by the hard hitting of linebackers George Bindschatel, Jordan Luce, Josh Emmons, and James Rodgers. The defensive line - unpenetrable in the Houghton Lake game - was led by Doug Gothro, Joe Contreras, Carl Gaff, and Travis Cornell.

Grayling's offensive effort was led by Bindschatel, the quarterback, who scored touchdowns on runs of 21 and 44 yards. Fullback Gothro scored on runs of 47 and 23 yards. Halfback Jimmy Osga ran strong throughout the game and had a 10-

yard touchdown reception. Tight ends Spencer Dean and Tyler Steffey both scored extra points on pass receptions.

Grayling's defense once again set the pace in a 26-6 win over Cheboygan. Justin Farnsworth, Peter Alexander, Dean, and Bindschatel led the defensive charge. Michael Zill recorded the team's first interception of the season.

Craig Gabriel, Bindschatel, Gothro, Osga, and Johnny Cochran all scored for the Redskins. "We're proud of the unselfish team effort and high level of enthusiasm that the young men displayed," the coaches said.

On Saturday, September 14, the Redskins will host Gaylord 2 at 2 p.m. at Redskin Field (located at the Crawford County Fairgrounds).

Local course holds club championship tourney

Grayling Country Club held its club championship tournament on August 24 and 25.

Last year's men's champion, Jerry Roman, returned to defend his title and did so in a close match. Paul Wilson was the leader after the first day after posting a first round score of 69. He was followed closely by Cliff Wheeler and Roman.

Roman posted a 69 on Sunday for a 36-hole total of 141. Wilson shot a 74 for a total of 143. Wheeler turned in a 78/72 for a total of 150. Kyle Roman also shot 150 (77/73).

Additional flights and scores include:

- Men's 1st Flight winner - Jay Ruddy, 74/80 (154)
- Men's 2nd Flight winner - Dan Walker, 82/86 (168)
- Men's 3rd Flight winner - Brad Trenary, 83/92 (175)

- Men's 4th Flight winner - Rich Calkins, 89/96 (185)

The men's senior division was won by Rudy Martinez, who finished with scores of 77 and 76 for a total of 153. Jerry Phillips won the super senior division.

The women's club championship was won by Connie Gates. Gates shot an 86 on day one and an 87 on day two. Finishing a close second was Beth Wheeler.

Additional flights and scores include:

- Women's 1st Flight winner - Treva McClanahan, 94/108
 - Women's 2nd Flight winner - JoAnn Michal, 110/115
- The women's senior division was won by S. McNamara (101/105). Shirley Bendig took first in the super senior division with scores of 104 and 101.



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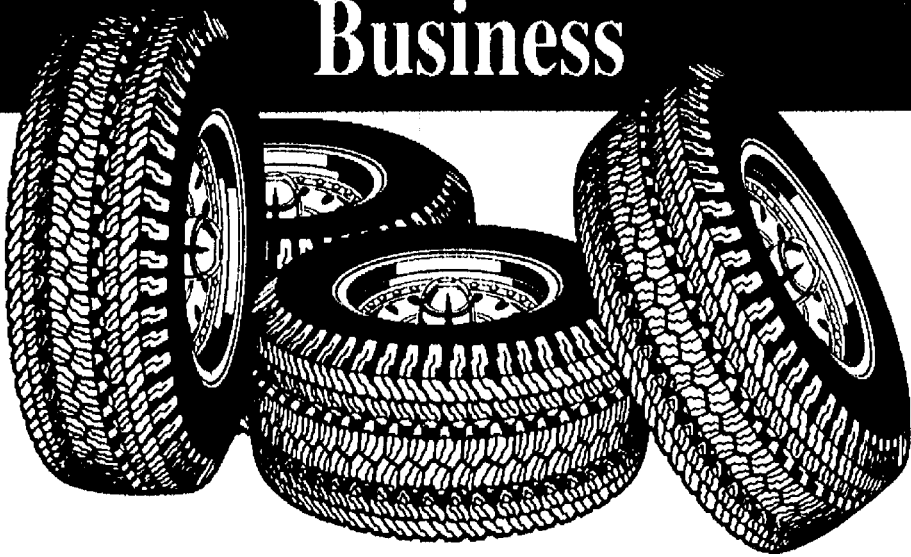
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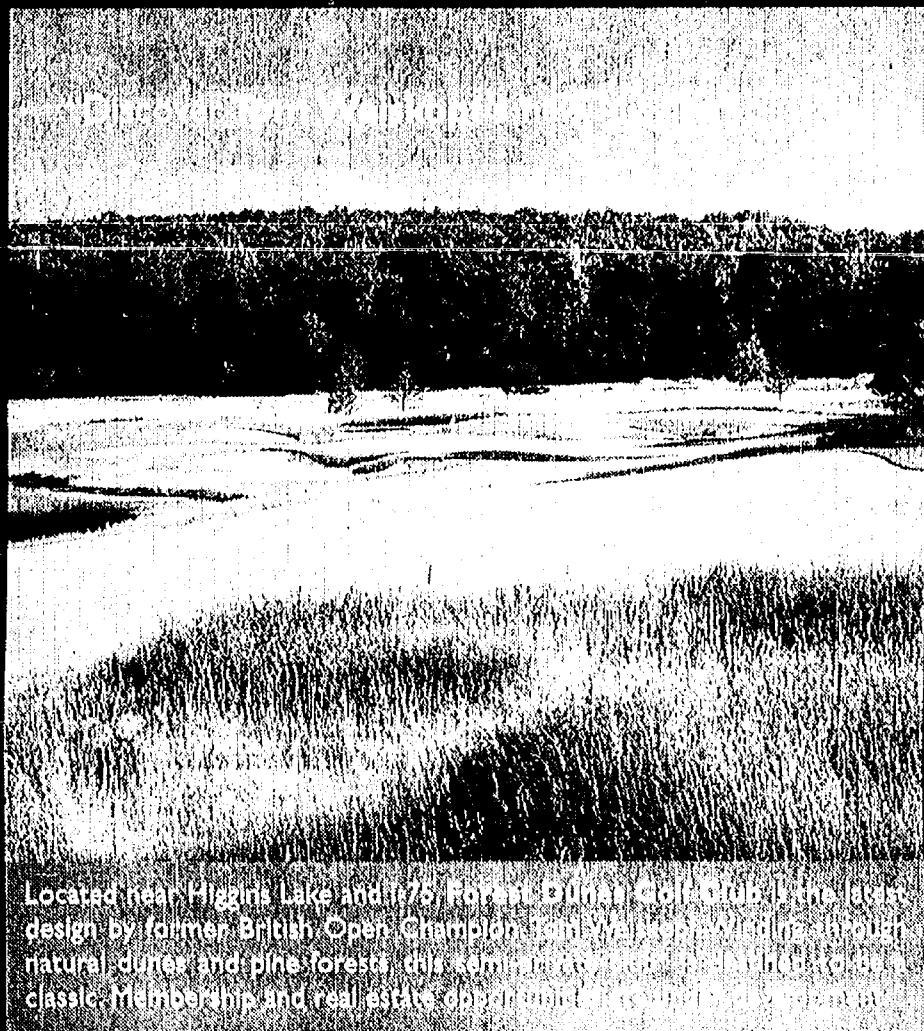
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Bucks win varsity soccer battle 6-2

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unguarded net. Thomas was arm-tackled from behind by the goalie, resulting in a penalty kick for Grayling. The Vikings missed the kick.

Roscommon scored two more goals down the stretch to seal a 6-2 win.

Grayling's goalkeeper, John Handy, had seven saves in the match.

"This was a great game - the team showed they could play with passion," said Coach Kyle Langseth. "As a team they pulled together, they passed well, and had proper positioning. As a whole, they are beginning to get better at the fluid movements that make a soccer team good."

On Tuesday of last week, the Vikings lost to Gladwin in Grayling 5-2. Hunter had both goals for Grayling, one on a penalty kick. Brandon Pratt and Travis Hatfield each had an assist on Hunter's second goal.

"We're not quite looking like we should," Coach Langseth said, "but we'll get there. The team is beginning to look better."

In the team's first week of the

season, the Vikings lost at Gaylord (3-0) and at Oscoda (11-3).

Grayling goalies Chris Bonnington and Handy combined for 14 saves in the Gaylord game (10 and four, respectively).

At Oscoda - Grayling's season opener - Handy had 13 saves and Bonnington finished with six.

"The first game was tough - a lot to get used to. Overall the movement of the team was good," Coach Langseth said. "Oscoda took advantage of our inability to focus. They scored seven goals in the first half."

Pawel Wojcik, Pratt, and Ryan Schmidt each scored a goal for Grayling in the match. Hatfield and Thomas each had an assist.

The Vikings play at home against Oscoda on Wednesday, September 11. On Monday, September 16, the team plays at Standish Sterling Central.

Coach Langseth also noted that his team has had very good fan support so far this season. "The fans are great," he said. "The positive and supportive energy can be felt by each and every player on the field."

Bobcats blank Vikes in week 2

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Houghton Lake drove 73 yards on 11 plays to open the second half. With the extra point kick, HL led 30-0.

Grayling's first play from scrimmage resulted in an eight-yard loss due to a fumble. On 3rd and 18, the Vikings got the first down with a pass play to M. Strohpaal. A pass from Wakeley to Joe Zelek picked up another first down, and moved GHS into Houghton Lake territory. Two false start penalties on Grayling stalled the drive, and the Bobcats forced 4th and 22 with strong pressure on the QB that resulted in an incomplete pass. Grayling punted.

Houghton Lake drove 75 yards on eight running plays to score a TD. The Bobcats led 37-0 after the extra point kick.

The Vikings went three-and-out on their next possession. Houghton Lake drove deep into Grayling territory and ended the game with a kneel-down. The Bobcats won 37-0.

Houghton Lake finished the game with 472 yards of total offense, 369 of it on the ground. Grayling had 97 yards of offense in the match.

Wakeley was 5 of 13 for 53 yards. M. Strohpaal was Grayling's leading rusher with 30 yards on three carries.

On defense, Czapek led Grayling with 13 solo tackles and three assists. He also had a fumble recovery. A. Strohpaal had nine solo tackles and three assists.

"I was pretty disappointed with our effort," said Coach Scott Cousineau. "We had a good week of

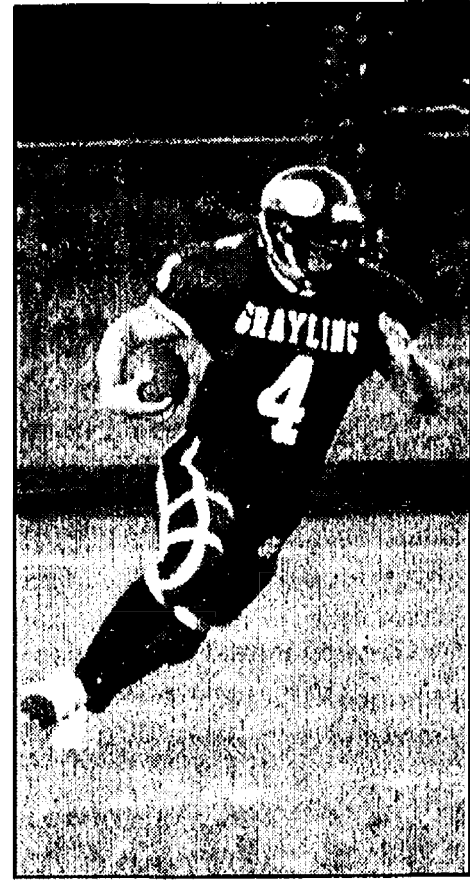


Photo by Caleb Casey

David Burton carries the ball for Grayling vs. HL.

practice and felt like we were prepared. (Houghton Lake) was a very good team, we expected that. What we didn't expect was for us not to be physical again. We have got to get more physical. Also, people are making way too many mental mistakes."

"I tip my hat to Houghton Lake. They're a good football team, they'll win a lot of games," Coach Cousineau said. "But I'm not at all pleased with our lack of physicality."

The Vikings will play their first conference game of the 2002 season on Friday, September 13, at Oscoda.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation

Coldwell Bankers	3	-	1
Chicken Little Joint Proj.	3	-	1
Glen's Market	3	-	1
Woody Girls	3	-	1
Hawk Ridge Golf	1	-	3
Peterson Saw Service	1	-	3
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High Series: P. D'Amour, 513; S. Johnson, 512; M. Starks, 503.			
High Game: M. Starks, 194; P. D'Amour, 180; M. Ginther, 180.			

American Men's League

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High Series: D. Canfield, 606; J. Helsel, 600; J. Thayer, 562.			
High Game: J. Helsel, 224; Jan Thayer, 222; Jason Thayer, 217.			

Friday Mixed Doubles

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Northern Cafe	2	-	2
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High Game Men: D. Wallace, 222; D. Brannan, 211; B. Trudeau, 198.			
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High Game Women: S. Johnson, 202; M. Moshier, 197; K. Trudeau, 168.			

Seniors

Cornell Insurance	4	-	0
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Gray Rock	3	-	1
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High Game Men: L. Crampton, 209; K. Louchart 192; K. Harris 178.			
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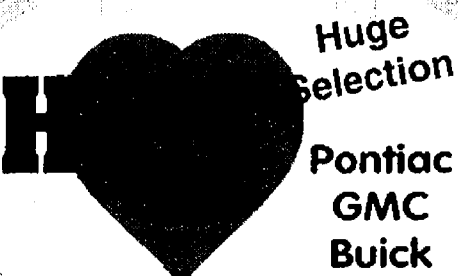
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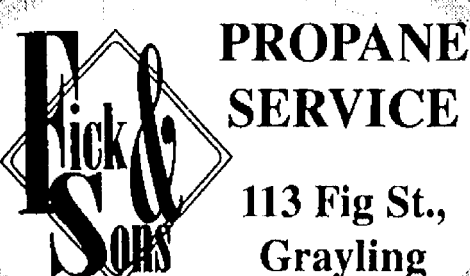
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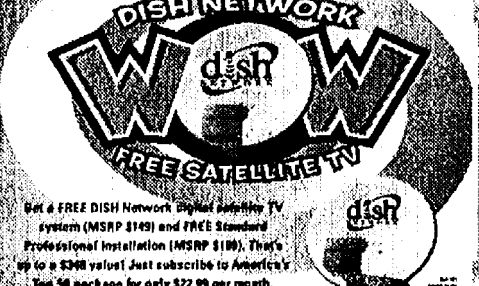


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LEGAL ACTION

SYNOPSIS CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Regular Board Meeting of August 21, 2002

The Regular meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Scott Hanson, at 9:50 a.m. in the County Building, Grayling, Michigan the 21st day of August, 2002.

Roll Call: Hanson, Gohnick, Pinkelman, Corlew, Wieland and Beardslee.

Absent: None
Sandra Moore, County Clerk-Register of Deeds: Present.

Paul Compo, County Controller: Present. Others present at various times.

Moved to approve the Minutes for the July 12, 2002 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

Moved to approve the Minutes for the August 13, 2002 Special Board Meetings as presented.

Moved to accept the agenda as presented.

Moved to submit the \$300.00 request for dues from Huron Pines RC&D to the Audit Committee for inclusion in the 2002/03 budget process.

Authorized the quarterly appropriation request of \$11,900.00 from North Central Community Mental Health be paid in the regular manner.

Accepted the salary schedule for Elected

Officials as submitted by the Crawford County Compensation Commission. Commission Chairperson \$8,050.00. Commission Members \$7,350.00 each. Clerk/ Register of Deeds, Treasurer and Sheriff increase current salary for 2003 and 2004 by the 2002 CPI plus one half percent not to exceed 3 percent. Prosecutor no change from current salary. Road Commissioners \$4,725.00 each for 2003 and 2004.

Commended Compensation Commission Members for their service to Crawford County.

Suggested the Crawford County Family Independence Agency budget request for \$3,000.00 be reconciled with the County Treasurer prior to any action.

Approved \$160.00 registration fee for the Michigan Association of County Clerk's summer conference August 25-28, at Mission Point Resort.

Authorized payment of the following Claims: General Fund - mileage reimbursement for Sheer, legal fees for Cohl, Stoker & Toskey, prepaid vouchers, payroll and open invoices on the August 13, 2002 report in the amount of \$462,575.65; Environment Control Fund- cell phone and mileage reimbursement for Merrill, prepaid voucher 101768, payroll and open invoices on the August 13, 2002 report in the amount of \$13,330.14; Building and Zoning Fund - mileage reimbursement and per diem for Duran, per diem for Beardslee and Hanson, prepaid vouchers, payroll and open invoices on the August 13, 2002 report in the amount of \$11,701.66; Central Dispatch Fund - prepaid vouchers, payroll and open invoices on the August 13, 2002 report in the amount of \$20,536.22; COPS in School Fund - prepaid

voucher and pay roll in the amount of \$9,645.39; Fish Fund - prepaid vouchers and open invoices on the August 13, 2002 report in the amount of \$26,543.77; DARE Fund - prepaid voucher and open invoices on the August 13, 2002 report in the amount of \$1,348.00 and Liquor Law Enforcement Fund - payroll in the amount of \$50.51.

Approved a ballot proposal for General Fund Operations of an increase of 2.00 mills over the allocated mills for a three year period (2003, 2004 & 2005) be placed on the 2002 November General Election Ballot.

Approved an additional ballot proposal of an increase of .2443 mills for the year 2003 be placed on the November General Election Ballot which would restore the county's allocated mileage to 6.5 mills.

Accepted correspondence as submitted.

Appointed James Cox to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a term ending 7-01-05.

Authorized the hiring of a Road Officer for the remainder of the fiscal year (9-30-02) to allow training prior to the retirement of a Deputy.

Accepted the grant agreement between the Michigan Department of Community Health and Crawford County Prosecutor for \$29,100.00 from October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003.

Authorized one employer and one employee delegate to the MERS 2002 Annual Summer Conference September 18-20, 2002 at the Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids at a cost of \$160.00 each.

Nominated Paul Compo as the Employer Delegate and Joseph Wakeley as Alternate for the MERS 2002 Annual Conference to be held September 18-20 at the Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids.

Forwarded a letter to Raymond Little, President/CEO for Mobile Medical Response (MMR) advising the County has sought a legal opinion on implementing the MMR Plus Med Connection Plan and has been informed that no contract addendum or amendment is necessary for the addition of the new services.

Adopted the Michigan Proclamation for National 4-H Centennial Celebration Resolution celebrating the 100th Anniversary of 4-H.

Authorized the County Clerk to hire a temporary 30 day switchboard operator at the 02 beginning rate while an employee is off on medical leave.

Ratified a Letter of Understanding between the County Board, Clerk-Register of Deeds, Prosecutor, Treasurer, and the Courthouse Employees Local #2759, for the placement of a non-union county employee within the bargaining unit.

Requested an opinion from the Prosecutor relative to whether the Library Board may make a computer purchase for a gift.

Scheduled a Special Ways & Means Meeting for Wednesday, September 4, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. to review the FY2002-03 proposed budget.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:34 p.m.

A full context of the meeting minutes are available in the Clerk's Office:

Sandra Moore
Clerk/Register of Deeds

Attorney for Plaintiffs
115 Michigan Avenue
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989 348-5588

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that by virtue of a Foreclosure Judgement filed August 5, 2002, directing the sale of the following described property or so much as may be necessary to raise the amount determined to be due to Plaintiffs, a sale shall be made to the highest bidder at the front door of the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan. The sale shall be made after the Sheriff has given public notice of the time and place for said sale as required by Michigan statute and according to the course and practice of this Court. The sale of said property shall be made by or under the direction of the Crawford County Sheriff on Wednesday, October 9, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 34, Town 27 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at a point on the West Section line distance 330.00 feet South 00 degrees 33 minutes West from the Northwest corner of said Section 34 and extending thence South 89 degrees 42 minutes East, 1313.82 feet; thence South 00 degrees 38 minutes West, 335.40 feet; thence North 89 degrees 42 minutes West, 1313.28 feet; thence North 00 degrees 33 minutes East 335.40 feet along the West Section line to the Point of Beginning.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No: 02-5792-CII

Anthony J. Ballingash and
Ruth M. Ballingash
Plaintiff

v.
Tonya L. Parker and
Tonya L. Parker
Defendants

Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C.

by: William L. Carey (P31602)

Attorney for Plaintiff

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Notice of Land Contract Foreclosure by Sale

CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C., is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

In pursuance and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, made and entered in the above-captioned cause on the 16th day of July, 2002, notice is hereby given that the Crawford County Clerk shall sell at public sale to the highest bidder, at the front door of the County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan on the 20th day of September, 2002 at 10:00 in the forenoon, the following described property, located in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, to wit:

The West 4.94 acres of the East 15 acres of the North 30 acres of Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 3 West.

Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C.

by: William L. Carey (P31602)

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STATE OF MICHIGAN IN CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 02 5809 CK (D)

DUANE C. LAMOTTE AND BRENDA L. LAMOTTE, husband and wife,
plaintiffs,

v.
RANDALL LEE WOOD AND CHRISTINE LYNN WOOD, husband and wife,
Defendants.

David R. Sabin P19822

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 02-6497-DE

Estate of Mileta E. Taylor, deceased date of birth 03/16/1916

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Mileta E. Taylor, who lived at 925 Little John Avenue, Grayling, Michigan died July 1, 2002.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Kathleen K. Parkinson, c/o David R. Sabin, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: August 1, 2002

David R. Sabin P19822

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Grayling, MI 49738

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Kathleen K. Parkinson

1009 Little John Avenue

Grayling, MI 49738

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MORTGAGE SALE

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paul W. Schroeder & Colleen L. Schroeder, husband and wife to Grayling State Bank, now known as Citizens Bank, A Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 22, 1994, and recorded on March 29, 1994, in Liber 375, on page 137 Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of forty nine thousand seven hundred fifty eight and 18/100 Dollars (\$49,758.18), including interest at 7.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, MI, at 10:00 a.m. on September 25, 2002.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

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The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: August 22, 2002

Citizens Bank, A Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee

Attorney for : Mortgagee

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 98-5838-DE

Estate of Karl G. Balaoures, Deceased date of birth: 11/18/1928

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Karl G. Balaoures, who lived at 1014 N. Manistee River Road,

Grayling, Michigan died 06/01/1998.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Denise Money, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: September 9, 2002

Peter M. Schneiderman P23669

30300 Northwestern Highway, Suite 222

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

248 539-7400

Denise Money

2321 Mahan

Ferdale, MI 48220

248 350-2800

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MORTGAGE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael C. Chapin, a single man, to Pinnfund, USA, a California Corporation CFI# 603, mortgagee, dated April 24, 1999 and recorded July 16, 1999 in Liber 486, Page 116, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by JP Morgan Chase Bank f/k/a The Chase Manhattan Bank, successor by merger to Chase Bank of Texas, N.A. National Association as custodian, by assignment dated August 6, 1999 and recorded on December 5, 2000 in Liber 524, Page 204, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Forty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Two and 38/100 Dollars (\$47,462.38) including interest at the rate of 10.54% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on October 16, 2002.

The premises are located in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Being a part of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 30, Township 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 30 and running thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes West along the East and West 1/4 line, 1320.0 feet; thence South 0 degrees 22 minutes East along 1/8 line, 264.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes East, 165.0 feet; thence South 0 degrees 22 minutes East, 66.0 feet, thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes East, 25.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes East, 140.0 feet; thence South 0 degrees 22 minutes East, 165.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes East, 287.05 feet to the centerline of the County Road, thence Southwesterly 112.37 feet along the arc of a 12 degrees 00 minutes degree curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 447.47 feet and a long chord bearing of South 20 degrees 50 minutes 38 seconds West 112.11 feet; thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes West, 386.49 feet; thence North 0 degrees 22 minutes West, 270.0 feet to the point of beginning. Together with and subject to a 10.0 foot access easement over the Southerly side thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: September 12, 2002

Orlans Associates PC

Attorneys for JP Morgan Chase Bank

National Association as custodian f/k/a The Chase Manhattan Bank, successor by merger to Chase Bank of Texas, N.A.

As Assignee

P.O. Box 5041

Troy, MI 48007-5041

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File No. 244.0101

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BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP

Notice of Public Hearing - Consideration of Request For Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Weyerhaeuser Corporation, Grayling, Michigan

Persuant to Public Act 198 of 1974, as amended, public notice is hereby given that a public hearing shall be held on Wednesday, September 25, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, located at 8888 South Grayling Road, Grayling, Michigan. The purpose of the public hearing shall be consideration by the Beaver Creek Board of Trustees of a request by Weyerhaeuser Corporation for approval of an application for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate on a proposed \$2,596,000 Capital project at the company's oriented strand board mill located at 4111 West Four Mile Road, Grayling, Michigan. Copies of the application are available for public inspection at the Beaver Creek Township Hall offices. All inquiries relating to the application and scheduled public hearing should be directed to Mr. Lee Riley, Beaver Creek Township Supervisor at (989) 275-8878.

Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Please be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on September 23, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Meeting Room, 2090 Viking Way, to hear the following case:

Case #02-22: Gil Ashton, petitioner.
042-012-15-040-00
T26N, R4W, Sec. 12
6400 Hanner Trail
NRD Zone.

A request to construct a 32' x 24' detached accessory building. Closest point of construction 151' from the river, a variance of 40' (includes 9' rise in bank).

Tentative text and zoning maps may be examined in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O.Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Telephone: (989) 348-4361.

Monica S. Ashton
Township Clerk

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Grayling Township Planning Commission will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday, September 24, 2002, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, (W M-72 Hwy), Grayling, to receive a review public comment regarding the following request:

Case 2002-3C: Randall & Jolee Croeker
1706 W. Brookside
West Branch, MI 48661

Property Code: 20-040-42-013-02-125-00
6375 W M-72
Section 13, T26N, R4W

A request to rebuild a section of existing buildings and rent as storage units as a Conditional Use in C-1 (General Commercial District). Per Section 12.3, E.

Zoning ordinance, maps and case file are available for inspection at the Grayling Township Hall during regular business hours. Correspondence concerning the request may be directed to Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. (989) 348-4361 or FAX (989) 348-6713.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROPOSED NEW SANITARY CODE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the proposed New Sanitary Code for District #10 Health Department. The hearing will be held at Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan on Wednesday, October 16, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.

The public hearing will also involve a proposed Civil Infraction Ordinances which is related to the proposed new Sanitary Code. The Proposed Code, Civil Infraction Ordinance involve regulations governing wastewater disposal and sewage treatment

FACTS AND FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



September 9, 1979 ground breaking Mt. Hope Lutheran

23 Years Ago September 13, 1979

Formal ground-breaking ceremonies were held Sunday morning, September 9th following a special worship service held at the present church located at the corner of Spruce and Vine Streets. The congregation moved to the site of the church at the intersection of M-93 and Old 27. North for the ground breaking. In the photo above with Reverend Paul Weber are from left Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Hauxwell, Matt Bidwin, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hoerl, Joyce Kolka, Shirley Linendoll and Jeanette Henig. These eight were the members who attended the first service of Mt. Hope Lutheran on February 8, 1950 held at the Grange Hall on Spruce Street.

An open house over the weekend was climaxed Sunday afternoon with a ribbon cutting ceremonies attended by over 100 persons to officially open the Holiday Inn and Fun Center. Ron Fraser, owner of the Holiday Inn had the honor of cutting the ribbon. The expanded Holiday Inn employs 125 persons with

possibly more to be added, and has an annual payroll of 3/4 million dollars. The 2 1/2 million expansion was completed in just over a year.

46 Years Ago September 14, 1956

Robert R. Horning, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Horning, has been promoted to conservation foreman at Camp Waterloo near Chelsea according to Conservation Department Directory Gerald E. Eddy. Horning attended the Grayling Public Schools and is a veteran of the Korean conflict. He has been employed by the Department since 1953, having worked at the AuSable State Forest until his recent transfer.

The Viking football squad members have been hard at work on conditioning and fundamental drills since they reported on September 4th to new head football coach Arthur Thayer. Thayer assisted by Bruce Smith have been putting the squad of 26 through rugged tackling and blocking drills and some offensive maneuvers. Only nine lettermen are

returning to make up the core of this year's Viking team. They are headed by three seniors, Captain Jim LaGrow, Bill Martin and Aubrey Welch, six juniors, Don Roberts, Bill Holzman, Wayne Ingalls, Ron Kellogg, Richard Moore and Joe White.

69 Years Ago September 14, 1933

Efforts have been made by a committee of the County Chamber of Commerce with M.A. Bates as chairman, to get some aid for connecting highways between Grayling and Mio, running straight east from the Feldhauser School to an intersecting road that crosses McMaster Bridge. When built, this route will shorten the road distance between these two communities from 10 to 15 miles and will open a region east of Grayling that at the present time is difficult to get to.

To live in one place for fifty-five years and to be held throughout that time in affection and high esteem by an entire community, is a record which few may boast. Grayling's Grand Old Lady, Mrs. Rasmus Hanson, reached her eighty-eighth birthday, September 7th. Friends and relatives gathered at her home both afternoon and evening in celebration of the occasion.

Tony Nelson is feeling pretty happy over his appointment as maintenance superintendent for the State Highway Department in Crawford County.

Frank Bond of Olivet, who is taking the position made vacant by the death of Miss Rosalin Lewis, as teacher of Sciences, will be joined later by Mrs. Bond to take up their residence here.

Mrs. Wilfred Laurant entertained twenty-eight boys and girls at a lawn party at her home Sunday afternoon in honor of Billy and Jack Atwell, and most of the guests were little neighborhood friends. Games and contests were enjoyed and Clayton Gorman and Frank Tetu III were the winners of the boys prizes and Dorothy Atwell and Betty Brown for the girls. Refreshments were served on the lawn. Besides those

above the following were there: Joan Montour, Letha Tinker, Patsy Hope Heric, Bobby and Jerry Smock, Donald and Barbara Borchers, Joy Wells, Beatrice Brown, Jean Morris, Dick and Billy Laurant, Bruce Nielson, Sally Jane McClain, Richard Earl, Jack Rasmusson, Edward, Earl, Thyra and Elsie Nelson, Patricia and Betty Hewitt.

The first killing frost of the season appeared during Monday night. In some places it was quite killing, while in other places little or no damage was done.

Little Joan Corwin, 17 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Menno Corwin when given a golf ball, while at the club house with her mother one day recently, ran over to No. 9 hole and put the ball into it. She knew where it belonged and no doubt will be one of the ring leaders in the golf game when she grows up.

92 Years Ago September 15, 1910

The foundation for the new hospital is completed and the superstructure will be rushed with a double crew of mechanics, so as to have it completed before the advent of winter.

Mr. T. Wakeley was in the village Monday, the first time for many months.

P. O. Brown has the cement work under the Presbyterian Church nearly completed.

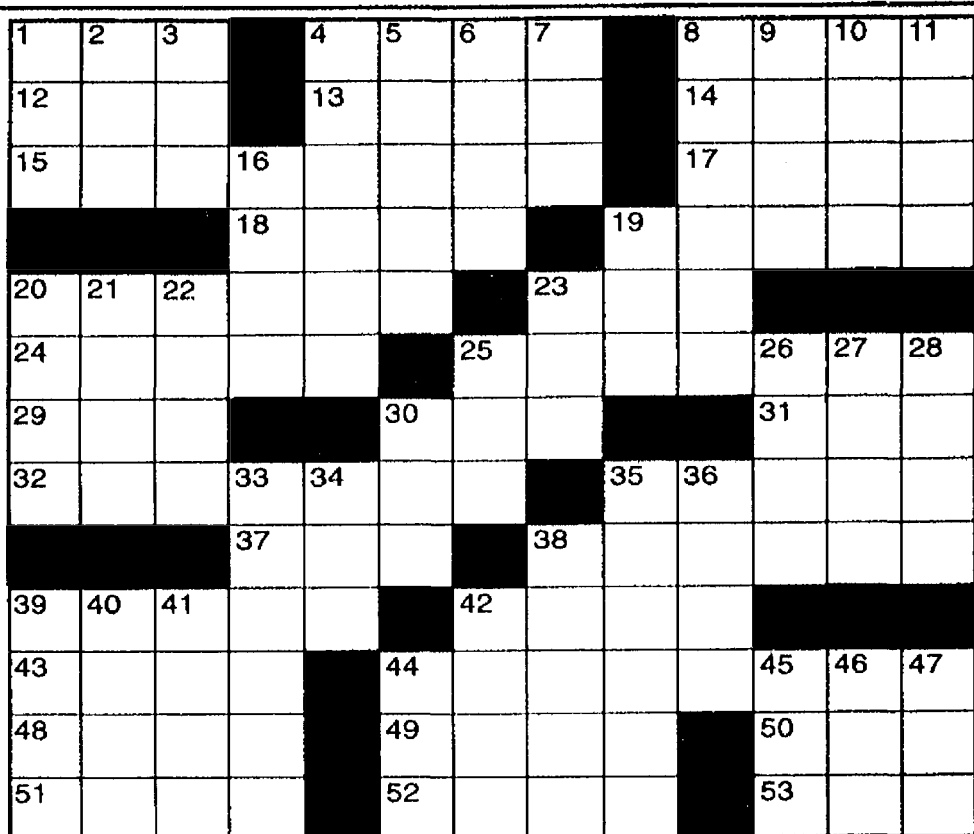
Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Brink attended the annual reunion of the Soldiers and Sailors association of N.E. Michigan at West Branch.

School Notes: The third grade has an enrollment of 51. The total enrollment for the school is 418. The enrollment for the high school is 59.

Peter Lovely of Maple Forest, who is 80 years old, cut an acre and a half of hay in 5 hours time and was just as smart when he got through as he was when he started.

The Citizen's Band, "The Best" took the morning train yesterday for West Branch to toot for the soldiers, who are holding their annual reunion in that city.

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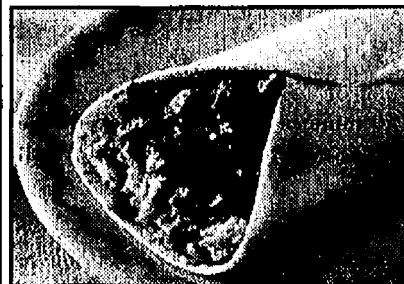
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23. Glass container
24. Like Archie's friend Moose
25. Blankets and sheets, e.g.
29. Thanksgiving mo.
30. Model Carol
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53. Doctor's expertise: abbr.

DOWN

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2. Roswell lander, some say
3. PBJ cousin
4. Shrink in fear
5. Travis of C&W
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8. Christian soldiers' direction
9. Encumbrance
10. Aquatic bird
11. Cash for cards
16. Possessive pronoun
19. Lassie's escort
20. Author O'Brien
21. _____ Wilderness (Nelson Algren)
22. "Green" emotion
23. B-52, e.g.
25. Poet Robert
26. Debt markers
27. The Aswan dams it
28. "_____ To Be Unhappy"
30. Miss Clare of *Bleak House*
33. Taps instruments
34. Unlock, to a poet
35. Young hen
36. B.A. part
38. Cat and bird, e.g.
39. Ship's name in *Ship of Fools*
40. Tied up
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ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

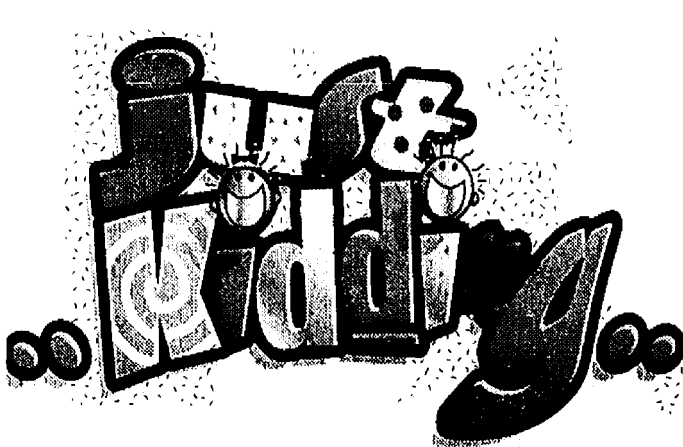
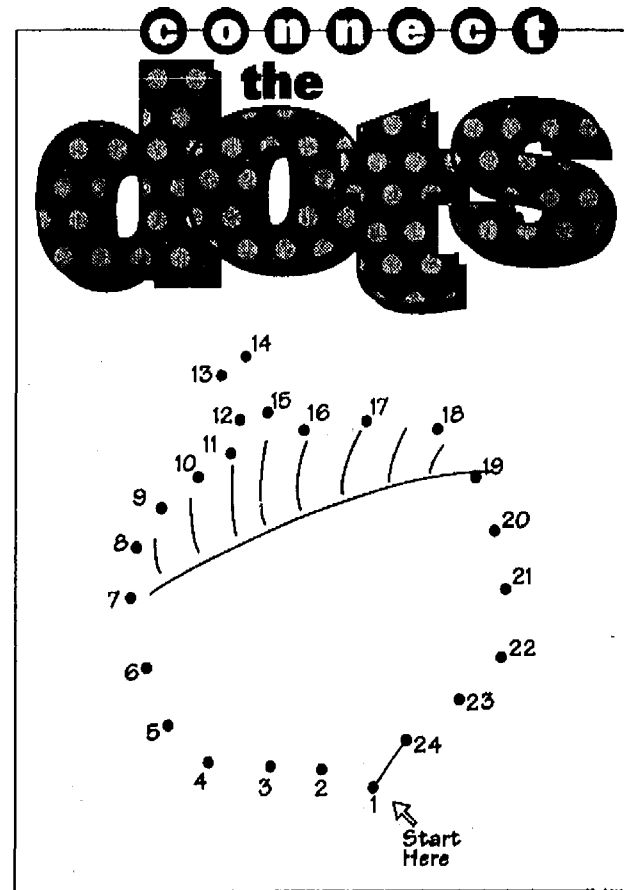


Mexican Potato Burrito

- 2 cups water
- 3 tablespoons margarine or butter
- 1/4 cup milk
- 2 cups mashed potato flakes
- 2 teaspoons margarine or butter
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 2 cups cubed cooked chicken, turkey or beef
- 1 (1.25-oz.) pkg. taco seasoning mix
- 1/2 cup chunky-style salsa
- 2 oz. (1/2 cup) shredded Cheddar cheese
- 8 (8-inch) flour tortillas, heated
- Shredded lettuce, if desired
- Chunky-style salsa, if desired

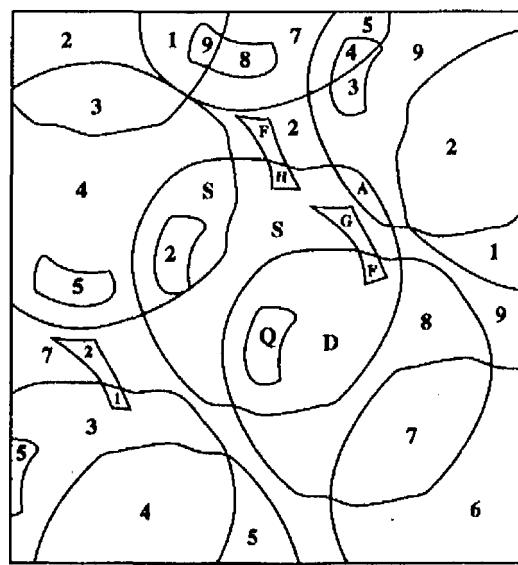
1. In medium saucepan, bring water and 3 tablespoons margarine to a rolling boil. Remove from heat. Stir in milk and potato flakes with fork until well blended. Set aside.
2. Melt 2 teaspoons margarine in medium skillet over medium heat. Add onion; cook and stir until tender. Stir in chicken, taco seasoning mix and 1/2 cup salsa. Bring to a boil. Cook 2 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in cheese and potatoes.
3. Spoon about 1/2 cup potato mixture down center of each warm tortilla; roll up. Top with lettuce and additional salsa.

Servings: 8 burritos



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The staff and volunteers of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County have been busy in recent weeks preparing for another trip to the Detroit Zoo for the fall version of "Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo" sponsored in part by the Michigan Humane Society and the Detroit Zoological Society. Over 20 groups from around the state will travel to Royal Oak with the mission of finding new homes for hundreds of homeless animals. Following the Shelter's successful trip in May, where all 48 animals taken to the Zoo found new homes, those involved with the event are hoping for more success as nearly twice as many animals will be taken for the September 28-29 event. The vast majority have been spayed/neutered and are up to date on vaccinations. Also, the cats have been tested for the contagious feline leukemia virus. And, every pet will sport a colorful bandana.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 1 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am
After hour appointments available.

WEATHER					
Courtesy of the City of Grayling					
Last Week			Extended Forecast		
(Courtesy of the Weather.com)					
Date	H	L	Rain		
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LARGE FAMILY HOME offers 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, with 2024 sq. ft. family room, living room, dining room, den, large utility room, fenced yard, double lot, newer vinyl siding, roof and windows. CS-1595 \$92,000

ENCHANTING WOODLAND ESTATE! Very well maintained home offers 1,080 s.f. with 2 bedrooms and 1 bath. Cathedral ceilings. Large kitchen with oak cabinets and pantry. Separate laundry room with lots of storage. 2 covered porches full length of house (back porch screened in). Manicured yard with garden area. Property offers mature white and red pines with beautiful setting. Private Road off Wakeley Bridge Rd. CS-1612 \$115,000

AUSABLE RIVER'S FINEST 462' FRONTAGE ON "HOLY WATER"! Premier setting between Stephan & Wakeley bridges. Elevated bluff with southern exposure and Ausable River wrapping around dwelling. Enjoy the quality waters only 75' from wrap around deck without visible neighbors. Quality brick/cedar sided custom home with oversized Andersen Windows. CH-1521 \$549,500

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382' FRONTAGE ON THE MANISTEE RIVER! 1,165 s.f., 3 B/R, 2 bath, 14' brick fireplace, 2nd brick fireplace in family room, double doorwall onto riverside deck, trapezoid windows, triple pane windows, doorwall onto lower level patio, vaulted drywall ceilings, 25 x 27 garage with concrete apron, steel roof, and sidewalks. CH-1556 \$170,000

100' FRONTAGE ON MANISTEE RIVER!! Beautiful hilltop setting on 1.9 acres, 100' fronting famous Manistee River. State land on backside / across Manistee River Road. 1,092 s.f., 3 B/R, 1 bath, rustic knotty pine interior, custom pine doors, brick fireplace, sunroom, walkout basement with 8x20 riverside deck. Extensive patio, gazebo, portable garage. CH-1563 \$128,900

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150' on Manistee River! Quiet area and great fishing! This 2 BR, 1 bath home/cabin offers T & G Knotty Pine throughout, fireplace w/insert, beautiful view of river. All appliances, furnished, and three wells. Home and 1200 sq. ft. pole barn have sheet metal siding with some aluminum. View of the river from the deck is awesome! \$150,000 #2409

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Spectacular View of Ausable River! 175' of frontage with a spectacular view of the Ausable River. 1565 square feet, 3 bedroom, 2.5 baths, gas fireplace, full basement, attached garage and a heated 24 x 40 pole barn with water. Wired for generator back up. Circle drive. Kitchen features hickory cabinets and Pergo flooring. Includes appliances. \$125,000 #14133

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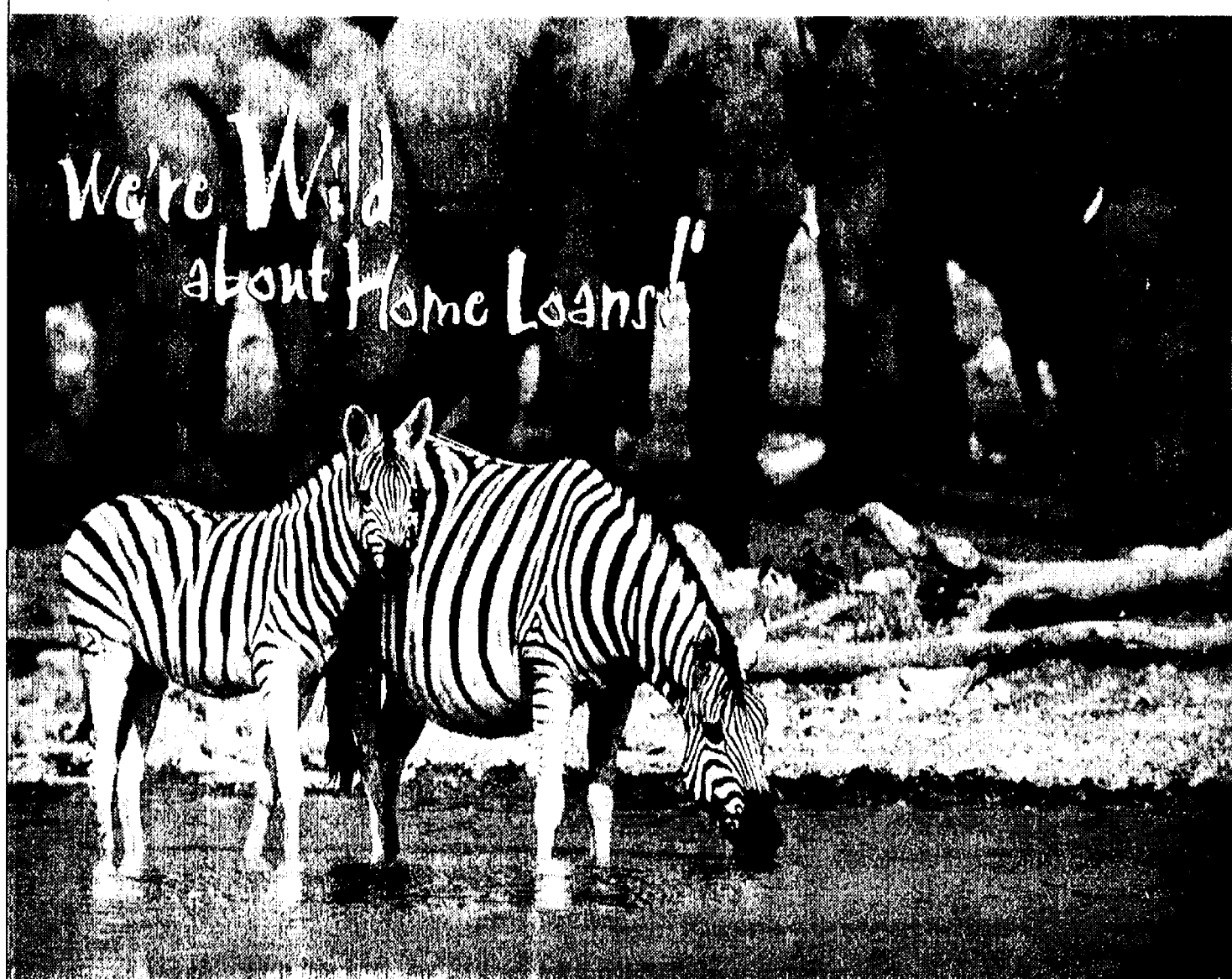
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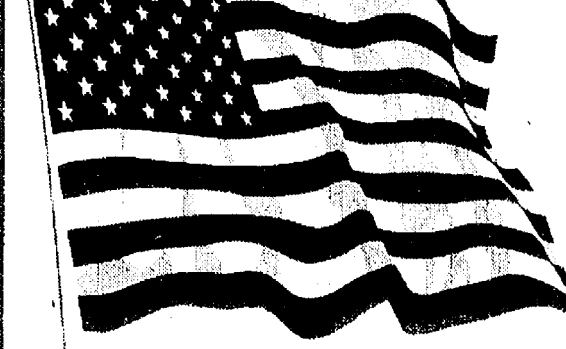
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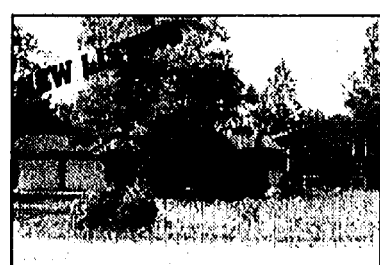
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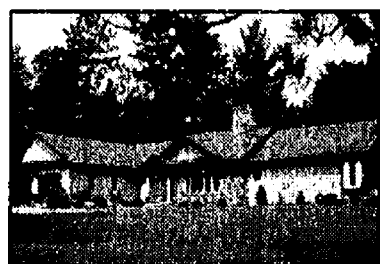


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3. Employment

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FOUND CORDLESS TELEPHONE on McIntyre Landing on September 4th. (248) 828-3297. (-12/7)

8. Announcements

SEEDLINGS & TRANSPLANTS Northern White Cedar; Douglas Fir; Jack, Red and White Pine; Blue, White and Norway Spruce. Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District (989) 275-5231, CRAFT Center, 606 Lake Street, Roscommon. (-12-19-26-3/8)

8. Announcements

ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW, Saturday, October 12 at Grayling Elementary/Primary School from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Food available. Admission \$1. For more information call Sherry (989) 348-9564. (LR10/10/02/8)

WE STILL HAVE OPENINGS for three and four year olds. Grayling Co-Op Preschool. Ask about tuition assistance. Call Kim at (989) 344-0345. (-5-12/8)

GRAYLING HOLIDAY INN'S Speakeasy Saloon live entertainment. Wednesday thru Saturday Sept. 11 - Sept. 14 Kung Fu Diesel, Sept. 18 - Sept. 21 Back Talk, Sept. 25 - Sept. 28 Denny Luce. Happy Hour is back! 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. 25 oz. drafts, \$2; Bass Ale and Guinness Stout, 25 oz. \$5. (-12-19-26/8)

J. DAP HAS the latest trend! Italian Charm Bracelets! A great gift idea! Stop by soon to see them. J. Dap is located at 118 Michigan Ave. in Grayling. (-12-19/8)

HALL RENTAL - ALL OCCASIONS Seats 50 to 350. Fish fry first Friday of every month, all you can eat fish and wing dings, \$7 adults, \$4 children, cash bar. Bingo every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Hall, 604 Norway St., Grayling. (989) 348-2929. (-12-19-26/8)

NOW TAKING RESERVATIONS for winter boat storage inside Old Point Comfort Marine, Higgins Lake. (989) 821-5692 (-5-12-19/8)

KARAOKE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY night 9-? Plaza Bar. Come and join the fun. (1/24/02t/f/8)

8. Announcements

MUD BOGGERS we are trying to form our own club. Our first meeting will be September 16 at 7 p.m. in building #1 at the Crawford County Fairgrounds. For more information call Ron Case at (989) 348-8094 or Tommy King (989) 348-8878. (-5-12/8)

SKYLINE RESTAURANT SPECIALS Thursday Nite 8 oz. Prime Rib Dinner \$8.95. Friday nite Lake Perch dinner \$10.99. Pan Fried Walleye Dinner \$11.99 Baked Cod Filet dinner \$9.95. Deep Fried Cod Basket \$5.99. Saturday Nite BBQ Rib Dinner \$8.95. 1/2 slab \$11.95, full slab. All dinners are served with soup, salad, vegetable and potatoes. Sunday, Nasear food and drink specials. (989) 275-5445. (2/28/02t/f/8)

9. Personals

HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY Pa Kinkert, September 11th. Love, Ginger and Missy. (-12/9)

10. Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE 7586 Lovells Rd., Grayling. Thurs., 12th; Fri., 13th; Sat., 14th; Sun., 15th. Beanie Babies, kids and baby toys and clothes, adult women clothes and much more! (-12/10)

HUGE YARD SALE 9422 Petersen Rd. (Old Babbitt), Frederic. Lots of items too numerous to mention. Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. (-12/10)

YARD SALE Past Fish Hatchery around big curve on North Down River Rd. Friday and Saturday. 9:00 to 5:00. (-12/10)

9. Personals

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I. Garage Sales

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FRI., SAT., SUN. 9 - 5. Huge Sale, M-72 East to Stephan Bridge South to Parma. Follow signs. Antiques, tools, household and garage items. (-12/10)

1272 MCINTRYE LANDING Close to the lake. Friday, September 13, Saturday, September 14. Some furniture and miscellaneous, no junk. (-12/10)

RUMMAGE SALE Friday, September 13, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, September 14, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bag Sale 2/\$1 Saturday, Noon to 2 p.m. Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, two miles north of Grayling on Business Loop 1-75 at M-93. (-12/10)

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DO YOU KNOW?

- A car seat that has been in a crash should be replaced.
- Booster seats are recommended until a child reaches 8 years old and weights 80 pounds.
- Babies should ride rear-facing until they are one year old **and** weigh 20 pounds.
- Michigan Law requires that children up to the age of 4 must be properly buckled in a car seat while riding in a motor vehicle.
- Seven children are killed every day and 866 are seriously injured in motor vehicle accidents. Over half of these children were not restrained. Car seats save lives!
- 8 out of every 10 car seats are used improperly. Most parents are not even aware that their car seat is not providing their child the most protection. Look for more information and a free car seat safety check at the Grayling Fire Station on Saturday, September 14th from 10 am to 1 pm in Grayling (Sponsored by *Early On®* and the Crawford-Roscommon Child Protection Council).

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